PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Thirty-Ninth Annual Convention

OF THE

Woman's Missionary Society

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

HELD IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA
October 6-8, 1919

DIRECTORY 1919-1920

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South Platte Conference—MRS. R. M. BADGER, 1409 E St., Lincoln; MRS. E. BOLLMAN, Benedict; MRS. C. H. DEAN, 927 S. 14th St., Lincoln.

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GRACE CHURCH

1328 South 26th Street, Omaha, Nebraska

REV. FRED ROSS SHIRCK, PASTOR

OCTOBER 6-8, 1919

Convention Theme—"In Union There Is Strength"
Convention Text—John 17:20, 21

Monday, October 6, 1919, 8:00 p. m.

Processional Hymn No. 336.

Devotional Service by Rev. Shirck. Greetings to the Convention were extended by Mrs. M. L. Melick and ably responded by Mrs. Kock of Omaha. Music was rendered by the Grace Choir and a solo rendered by Mr. G. P. Swanson. These selections were most heartily enjoyed by all present.

An address was to have been given by Rev. Holmes Dysinger, but he failed to appear. This part of the pro-

gram was most ably filled by Rev. C. H. Lewis of Emerson, choosing for his subject: "Our Expanded Work of the Past."

Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, President of the Woman's Society, gave her address which was enjoyed by all.

Offering for the evening, $11.75.

Meeting closed with benediction by Rev. Shirck and the Recessional Hymn No. 337.

Tuesday Morning, October 7, 1919.

Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska opened in session in Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha.

Devotional Service, in charge of Mrs. Guss of St. Mark's, Omaha.

Business Session opened with the President, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly in the Chair. Presentation of Credentials, followed by the roll call.

Tuesday Morning, October 7th, 9 o'clock.

The Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska opened in session in Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska.

The Devotional Services were conducted by Mrs. Guss, of St. Mark's, Omaha.

The Business Session was opened with the President, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly in the chair. The presentation of credentials was followed by the calling of the roll.

DELEGATES.

Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Tekamah.....Emmanuel
Mrs. Harry S. Johnson, North Platte.....First
Mrs. F. C. Robertson, Oakland.....Grace
Mrs. G. H. Miller, Lyons.....Grace
Mrs. Henry Johnson, Benson.....First
Mrs. Fred Timmie, Benson.....First

Mrs. H. W. Munson, Beatrice.....Trinity
Mrs. M. E. Bollman, Benedict.....Zion
Mrs. P. C. Hillegass, Rising City.....First
Mrs. T. V. Austin, North Platte.....First
Mrs. Geo. H. Haase, Emerson.....St. Luke's
Mrs. E. Campbell, Ponca.....Salem
Mrs. Gustav Prestegaard, Lincoln.....Grace
Mrs. Frank E. Carter, Lincoln.....Grace
Mrs. C. H. Dean, Lincoln.....Grace
Mrs. Chas. Spahnle, Walton.....Grace
Mrs. W. F. Rangeler, West Point.....Grace
Mrs. Emma Carlson, Oakland.....St. Paul's
Mrs. H. Hansen, Tekamah.....Emmanuel
Mrs. G. W. Livers, Allen.....First
Mrs. E. E. Herman, Omaha.....St. Luke's
Mrs. H. W. Frushard, Omaha.....St. Luke's
Mrs. O. F. Lindburg, Omaha.....St. Luke's
Mrs. W. E. Kedde, Omaha.....Redeemer
Mrs. C. B. Harman.....Redeemer
Mrs. A. F. Dohn, Omaha.....Kountze Memorial
Mrs. Fred Lage, Omaha.....Kountze Memorial
Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Omaha.....Kountze Memorial
Mrs. Richard Olsen, Omaha.....Kountze Memorial
Mrs. L. Guy, Omaha.....Kountze Memorial
Mrs. Albach, Omaha.....St. Mark's
Mrs. Guss, Omaha.....St. Mark's

Misson Band.

Margaret Baker, Rising City.....First
Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Allen.....First

Young People's Societies.

Miss Frances Lamp, Emerson.....St. Luke's
Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, North Platte.....First
Georgiana Steel, Omaha.
Miss Lula Bonderson, Emerson.....St. Luke's

VISITORS.

Rev. C. H. Lewis, Emerson.
Mr. Peters, Emerson.
Mr. Luben, Oakland.
Rev. Utesch, Tekamah.
Mrs. Koch, Omaha.
Mrs. Hessbacker, Omaha.

Grace V. Larsen, Lyons.
Mrs. P. V. Turner, Omaha.
Mrs. C. F. Betcke, Omaha.
Mrs. A. Jensen, Emerson.
Mrs. Peterson, Omaha.
Mrs. M. D. Willert, Tekamah.
Miss Lida Wood, Tekamah.
Mrs. J. H. Utesch, Tekamah.
Mrs. J. Nelsen, Omaha.
Rev. G. B. Weaver, Beatrice.
Mrs. Paul Springer, Omaha.
Mrs. L. A. Homburg, Omaha.
Mrs. L. J. Smith, Omaha.
Rev. C. B. Harman, Omaha.
Mrs. Gustave Hansen, Omaha.
Mrs. C. H. Puls, Omaha.
Mrs. R. B. Weller, Omaha.
Mrs. R. R. Orer, Omaha.
Mrs. A. Nelson, Omaha.

Miss Welty, a returned missionary, was introduced and gave a few remarks.

The president appointed the following committees:

President's Address and Officers' Reports—Mrs. C. H. Dean, Mrs. T. V. Austin, Mrs. Larue.

Literature and Box Work—Mrs. Richard Olsen, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mrs. Munson.

Department Secretaries' Reports—Mrs. Hickman, Mrs. Gustav Prestergaard, Mrs. Johnnes Carlson, Miss Margaret Baker.

Conference Committees and Minutes of Last Convention—Mrs. Rangeler, Mrs. Hans Hansen, Mrs. P. C. Hillegass.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. H. S. Johnson, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Fred Timmie.

Committee on Claims—Mrs. Geo. H. Hass, Mrs. N. W. Stuff, Mrs. Carter.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. G. W. Livers, Miss Anna C. Johnson, Mrs. Albach.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. E. Bollman, Mrs. W. F. Kedde, Mrs. O. T. Lindburg.

Reporters—Lutheran Woman's Work, Mrs. Dohn; The Lutheran, Mrs. E. Bollman; Local Papers, Mrs. Allen Koch.

Delegate to Convey Greetings to Nebraska Synod—Mrs. W. I. Guss.

To take charge of Literature in absence of Secretary of Literature—Mrs. A. F. Dohn, Mrs. Geo. Klashen.

Then followed the reading of rules of order.

The President's Address was given Monday evening, but the recommendations were repeated at Tuesday morning's session as were various other important parts of her report and handed to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

At this, the close of a year of service, we wish to bear testimony to the unfailing love and mercy of God. As His command is the great impetus of our work, so His constant presence is our help and joy.

We have entered upon a period of reconstruction; old things have passed away in a very real sense, and though not all things have become new, they certainly are becoming so in many ways. Horizons are broadened, and with the wider outlook, come new and greater responsibilities. It is a glorious privilege to help in the evangelization of the world, and while the work may seem heavy at times, we should not look upon it as a burden, but rather remind ourselves that we are workers together with God, and where we are weak, He is strong.

Several new features are taking shape in the work of the General Society which give us a glimpse of the broadening activities. The Department of Inner Missions is fast coming to the front, and rightly so. It is the Church at work among those of our own communities where Christian people come in personal touch with sore needs and unhappy conditions that result from sin everywhere. If there has been any ground for criticism that the Church holds itself aloof from the great needs nearest home, Inner Mission work is the very thing that will overcome such a criticism. It is social service in its highest form, social service which carries with it the Gospel of Jesus Christ—the good news of help and healing to both soul and body.

Another new feature that is already started is Student Work among the students of our institutions of learning. The appointment of a Student Secretary, Miss Mary Markley, shows that this department of work has already taken practical shape, and has begun its important ministry.

Another feature that is under contemplation is the appointment of a Field Secretary for our Junior Department. There is no doubt that the Junior work needs such expert guidance and will profit greatly.

In addition to the foreign work with which we are all so familiar, our missions in India and Africa, we can now say

we have mission work in Japan, Porto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, as also an additional field in India, namely, the Rajah Mundry field. All these new fields and departments of work thrill and inspire us, giving us a new vision of the worldwide scope of the work in which we have a part, but let us turn right here to the thought of the importance of each small detail of the work.

There is danger that, as we consider the greatness of the mighty task, we shall be overwhelmed by its very size, and begin to feel that our own little part is so small and insignificant that it doesn't matter whether we do it or not. This is the farthest from the truth. The whole great fabric depends upon faithfulness in little things. Each little detail is important, and if neglected, or slighted, leaves a weak place in the great struggle. The great corral reef, which in time upholds a palm covered island, is formed by millions of tiny animalcules, too small to be seen by the naked eye. There is One who sees each small and trembling effort as clearly as the great work that shines forth in the splendor of the limelight, and He has promised a sure reward, even though for so small an act as the giving of a cup of cold water if it be done in the name of a disciple. Let us do our work for Him and look to Him in faith for the results and the reward.

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR.

As we take a look backward over the important events of the past year I wish to express my deep and cordial thanks to all the co-workers, whose unfailing kindness and willing co-operation have had so large a share in the results.

Success depends upon the co-operation of all. Officers are helpless without the faithful work of each particular member of every society, and if each, who has a part to perform, could only realize how eagerly their faithful work is observed and how anxiously the results are scanned, I am sure there would be no lagging anywhere.

Several events of the past year stand out as pre-eminently important. Dr. Anna Kugler's visit in February will long be remembered by those whose happy privilege it was to hear her and talk with her. As we come to know her life and work we cannot feel that we are giving up much for the Kingdom. When we come to love the work as she loves it, we will no longer think of sacrifice, but rather it will be our joy to give ourselves more and more fully to the work of the Kingdom.

Every effort was made to bring as many people as possible within the radius of her influence at Omaha. The President and the Corresponding Secretary each gave a luncheon, at which the State Officers, Department Secretaries, living in Omaha, ministers' wives, and as many local workers as possible had the opportunity of breaking bread with her, and coming thus in closer touch with her work and wide experience. Also two receptions were given—one for ladies in the afternoon and for young people in the evening, on which occasion several hundred heard her speak and had the privilege of asking questions. At the Sunday morning service in Kountze Memorial Church every available seat was occupied, and her message was one never to be forgotten.

An Executive Committee meeting was held the last morning of her stay in Omaha, at the home of the President after which it was our privilege to enjoy a third luncheon with her, just before she took the train.

This Executive Committee meeting was the second of the year. The first was held December 6th in the Danish Lutheran Church at Fremont, at the call of the retiring president. The third was held April 30th at the home of the President, and the fourth, May 1st, in St. Mark's Church in Omaha, at the time of the Spring Conference. At all these meetings the work was discussed and plans made, the results of which will show in the reports of this convention.

Another high point in the year's work was the joint conference meeting in the spring, and also the 40th Anniversary Convention held in Canton, Ohio, in June, but as both of these meetings will be reported in their proper places we will only mention them here.

During the year 209 letters have been sent, 13 copies of the Guntur Missions were sent out, and stationery was secured and sent to the Officers and Department Secretaries, as required. Four telephone calls to South Omaha, five long distance telephone calls, and one night letter were used in our efforts to further the work. So much for the official acts of the year.

I cannot leave this review without telling the convention of the one very great blessing that has come to us as a Synodical Society. One young woman has offered herself for the foreign field, and has been accepted. Miss Meta Blair of Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, is finishing her preparation for hospital work in India. She graduated from the Clarkson Hospital as a nurse this last summer and is spending the present year

at the Moody Bible School in Chicago. Having known Miss Blair well for a number of years I wish to bear high tribute to her sterling worth and deep devotion to the Master, whose she is and who she serves.

THE COMING YEAR.

Now let us turn to the work of the coming year. There are several things that I wish I might be able to stress as most important.

First, is prayer. Its importance is so readily recognized by all of us that I fear sometimes we take it too much for granted and do not lay plans with sufficient carefulness to give it its proper place in all our work. Our best efforts are useless without divine help, and none of our work should be undertaken without definitely calling upon Him who has all power and authority in heaven and on earth.

Secondly, faithfulness of each one in her part of the work is necessary to the highest success. Even though the work may seem unimportant, it is not so, and in the end, we are to be judged not by our ability nor by our gifts, but by our faithfulness.

Thirdly, I would emphasize the importance of the Standard of Efficiency. It is a specific and definite guide in the work of the Congregational Society, and if we diligently seek to attain every point we will find our work well rounded and complete. I would like to suggest that it would be of great benefit to have a suitable copy of the Standard hung in a conspicuous place at every meeting so that it may be kept fresh in the minds of all and in order that they may know what we are definitely striving to accomplish.

In the next place our splendid magazine, Lutheran Woman's work, cannot be over-emphasized. Not only should we strive with all our power to increase its circulation, but we should also emphasize the importance of reading it thoroughly. It has the information that we need along all lines, and we cannot be up-to-date, intelligent and efficient workers without the faithful reading of our magazine.

The regular channels of giving have lost none of their importance. Here, too, regularity and diligence are of the utmost importance. Let us give with appreciation of what God has given to us. The 10 cents per month per member dues, 10 cents annually for the Synodical work, and 5 cents annually for the expenses of the delegate to the general convention—these are

the minimum, but there is plenty of room for real giving and self-denying expansion in the thank offering and the Christmas offering.

Finally, we come to two items, one new and the other of unusual importance.

The new matter to engage our attention at this convention is the matter of constitutions for Synodical, Congregational and other societies which have been carefully prepared by committees of the General Executive Board, and are before us at this convention for our endorsement. They are not yet in print and cannot be until endorsed by all Synodical societies. The President has appointed a committee to examine these constitutions, and they will report at the proper time.

The other matter of special importance for the coming year is the extension of organization. This is the thing of the most importance at this time. Our slogan for the coming year should be "Missionary organizations in every congregation of the Nebraska Synod." With a new constitution and the consciousness of united work throughout the length and breadth of our land, let us all be alert for opportunities to organize societies where there are none. The officers are dependent on you for each particular neighborhood to seek out an opening for new work, and let us know wherever there is a possibility for organization.

Allow me to submit the following recommendations:

1. That, according to the action of the General Executive Board at their September meeting, the first week of Lent be observed as a week of prayer and self-denial for missions.

2. That the Standard of Efficiency be our guide in the practical work of the Congregational Society.

3. That the magazine be carefully read, and every effort made to increase its circulation.

4. That the regular channels of giving be looked after with diligent care and in accordance with the request of the General Executive Board, the Thank Offering and Christmas Offering be made just as generous as possible.

5. That the constitutions for the various societies, as prepared for us by the General Board, be endorsed at this convention.

6. That extension of organization in the churches of our synod be given especial care and effort during this coming year.

7. That, in accordance with the request of the General Executive Board, this convention take action in regard to the

appointment of a Student Secretary and a Secretary on Deaconess Work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. D. BALTZLY.

It was moved and seconded that we give our returned missionary, Miss Welty, Rev. F. R. Shirck and others the floor of the convention.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, gave her report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In gleaning the report for the year ending September 30th. 1919, I find, owing to the flu epidemic, meetings were not held during October, November and December in many places in compliance with the order of the State Board of Health.

North Platte reports death of three members during December quarter: Mrs. Anna Meyer, Mrs. A. M. Blume, and Mrs. Albert Haskel.

Walton reports the loss of their recording secretary, Miss Hazel Francke, by death in October.

Following have sent boxes or money to Tabitha Home: Hardy, North Platte, Allen, 90 dozen of eggs; Dakota City, West Point and Hardy sent money as well.

Falls City has doubled its Mission band in four quarters from 14 to 34.

Wolbach Mission reports March quarter all fifteen present.

Home Department at North Platte sent $5.00. North Platte sent $5.00 for the Home for the Aged at Allentown, Pa.

Kountze Memorial Mission Band reports $5.00 for Day memorial.

Lincoln reports holding June meeting at Tabitha with rose program.

Allen Mission Band has been awakened and a good report is the result.

I desire to commend the following societies for their prompt and correct reports: Auburn and Rising City Woman's Societies and North Platte Young People and Mission Bands.

Tekamah has doubled her membership.

Your Corresponding Secretary has placed blanks in the hands of the auxiliaries during the year, although some failed to get to their destination.

I have written 64 letters, sent reports quarterly to General Corresponding Secretary, and in closing desire to express my thanks to all who have made this report possible.

Expense account—

Thirty-two letters	$0.96
Thirty-two letters	.64
Ten telephone calls	.50
	$2.10

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. A. VANFLEET.

(Appendix A.)

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet (Appendix B), Mrs. Neiswanger being unable to be present.

After the Treasurer's report was read, which was so gratifying, the Doxology was sung.

It was moved and carried that the hour of closing be set at 12:15.

The Historian's report was read by the Historian, Mrs. Mostert.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT—OCTOBER 1918 TO 1919.

Another link has been forged for the great history of time and we present it for your information and future reference.

Placed on file during this year:

1. Path of Labor—Text book.
2. Working Women of Orient—Text book.
3. Tracts for the nine months they were issued.
4. Lutheran Woman's Work—one year.
5. Minutes of the 38th Annual Convention at Fremont, Neb.
6. Annual report of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Guntur, India.
7. Copy of the first convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church of America, November 16, 1918.
8. Also a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by this convention.
9. Installation service for the synodical officers of Nebraska.
10. The Canton biennial report of convention—published in the Woman's Work, August, 1919.

Among the high lights of this convention we noted:

Our membership, 45,171.

Life members, 3,742.

Memorial members, 616.

Contributions, $211,116.

The beautiful pageant, "The Side Lights of 40 Years," was presented in picture and song.

The opening of the Anniversary Chest revealed gifts amounting to $54,000, which was $14,000 in excess of the goal.

Questionnaries were sent out to 30 of the societies of our state and only 20 replies came to your Historian. From these we glean the following:

Net increase of 33 members.
Loss of 11 by removal.
New life members, 13.
New memorial members, 6.
Deaths of members, 6.

Death of one life member, Levi Koch, Kountze Memorial, Omaha.

Life Members—December 5, 1918, Mrs. C. H. Lewis, Emerson, by ladies of Fremont convention. December, 1918, Captain E. A. Van Fleet, Kountze Memorial, Omaha (by wife). March 25, 1919, Rev. A. B. Shrader (by Women's Missionary Society), Mrs. Andrew Traynor (by husband), Mrs. Guy McKenzie (by husband), Mrs. Marie Herd (by husband), Mrs. J. H. Gantz (by husband), Mrs. Geo. H. Gillespie (by husband), Kountze Memorial, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. M. L. Melick, Rising City (by Women's Missionary Society); Mrs. David Eckly, Tekamah (by Women's Missionary Society) Mrs. J. F. Wilhelmy, St. Marks, Omaha (by Women's Missionary Society); Mrs. James Liddell (by daughter, Mrs. Pulver), Mrs. Richard Olsen (by daughter, Miss Clara), Mrs. Seaberg, Kountze Memorial, Omaha.

Memorial Members—December 5, 1918, Mrs. Chas. A. Lotz, of Kountze Memorial, Omaha (by husband). November 25, 1918, Rev. Siefke De Freese, of St. Marks, Omaha (by Missionary Society). March 24, 1919, Mr. Allen Koch, of Kountze Memorial, Omaha (by wife and sons); Mr. J. F. Wilhelmy of St. Marks, Omaha (by Missionary Society); Mrs. Riepen, of Kountze Memorial, Omaha (by husband); Rev. M. L. Melick, of Rising City (by Women's Missionary Society).

I have money for another life member from Kountze Memorial Church, but no name.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. A. MOSTERT, Historian.

The North Platte Conference Committee report prepared by Mrs. Weller was read by Mrs. Guss.

REPORT OF NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The North Platte Conference joined with the South Platte Conference in an all-day meeting at St. Mark's Church, Omaha, Nebraska, May 1st.

An interesting and well attended meeting was held, the program being prepared by the South Platte Conference Committee.

The President, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, was installed at this time by Mrs. C. H. Lewis.

The ladies of St. Mark's served lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. B. WELLER, Chairman.

The South Platte Conference Committee report, written by Mrs. Badger, was read by Mrs. Bollman.

Reports were adopted as read.

REPORT OF SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The South Platte Conference Committee met in Walton during the month of January, 1919, to discuss plans for the year and arrange a program for the conference. Upon advice from the State President of the uniting of the Missionary conferences in their spring meetings, the same to be held in St. Mark's Church, Omaha, a second meeting was held by telephone and the program rearranged to be used at that time. The program used is attached to this report.

Communications were had with Sydney, Paxton, Nebraska City, Davenport, Pawnee City, McCook, Bruning, Stamford, Eagle and Elmwood regarding the possibility of organizing missionary societies.

Conditions proved unsatisfactory for opening work in any of these fields.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. M. BADGER, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Constitution was read by Mrs. Hessbacker.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Constitution be taken up at a later time. Carried.

Moved, seconded and carried that we adjourn. Session closed with prayer by Rev. Bollman.

The session opened with devotional service led by Mrs. Guss, which was an inspiration for the afternoon session. Prayer was offered by Rev. Weaver.

Calling of the Roll.

Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Then followed the reports of the department secretaries.

Mrs. S. H. Yerian's report of the Home Department was read by Mrs. H. O. Wilson.

REPORT OF HOME DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

In the work of this department we have only been laying foundations, hopeful that with God's guidance great things may yet be accomplished.

Six of our twenty-nine women's societies report home departments—Allen, 4 members; Emmanuel, Dakota City, 1; Kountze Memorial, Omaha, 23; Lincoln, 6; North Platte, 10; St. Mark's, Omaha, 3—a total membership of forty-seven, three of whom became active during the year. Thirty-five subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work are reported, and the offerings amount to $42.10.

Let us bear in mind that women outside our active membership who are subscribers to our magazine may be enrolled as Home Department members. It is recommended that they be given thank offering boxes, so that while they already pay for their own literature by subscribing for the magazine they may not be deprived of the opportunity of contributing to missions.

The greatest obstacle in the way of Home Department is the want of just ONE WOMAN in every Congregational Society who will make herself responsible for the work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. S. H. YERIAN.

REPORT OF THE THANK OFFERING SECRETARY.

Notwithstanding the unsettled conditions due to the epidemic of influenza which prevailed, much of the time during which the natural activities of our Thank Offering Meetings would ordinarily take place, I find that they were quite generally observed and good results obtained therefrom. I regret that

my removal to the western part of the state has taken me from the active circle of our beloved church.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. F. E. WOOD,
Thank Offering Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSION BAND SECRETARY.

As Mission Band Secretary I am sorry to say our department has not been increasing in numbers as much as we would like to have it.

At present we have ten bands in our Synod, an increase of only one over last year, with a total membership of 177 active members, 9 honorary members, with an average attendance of 136.

The number of subscriptions to Lutheran Boys and Girls is 252.

The pledges to the "1919 Special" were $38.25.

Let our aim for the coming year be a band in every congregation, as the early training of the children is so important in missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. H. O. WILSON.

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY SECRETARY.

Your Secretary is glad to report an increase, though small, in the number of Mission Study classes for this year. Last year there were thirteen classes in the Synod. This year we have sixteen. Of these sixteen, eleven were conducted by women's societies and five by young people. But, here is the good part of the report, of these classes eight are new classes and eight are what I have termed "stickers." We are sorry to lose the five classes that were conducted last year, but heartily congratulate the new classes and hope that next year we may number them among the "stickers."

The new classes are as follows: Woman's Societies—Beatrice, Hooper, Tekamah and two at Emerson and Stella. Young Ladies' Societies—Emerson and West Point. The old classes are: Women's Societies—Wolbach, Kountze Memorial, Wilber, North Platte and South Auburn. Young Ladies' Societies—Kountze Memorial Young Ladies, Kountze Memorial, Pax Vobiscum, North Platte.

I know all the societies who conducted classes feel amply repaid for all the extra work or time they may have spent. One of our women who went to New York this summer came back more enthusiastic than ever about Mission Study classes. She

said: "I met some missionaries on the train from Japan and I was never so thankful in my life that I attended that Mission Study class during Lent, as now I could talk intelligently with these people." Another asked me not long ago, "Are we going to have another Mission Study class this Lent? I like those classes." I wish all the ladies in the Nebraska Synod could get so enthused over our Mission Study classes.

This year I have sent out two circular letters, one in February to all thirty-nine societies, and one in April to all those societies which had not responded favorably the first time. To these letters I received twenty-three replies. This is a very great improvement over last year, but it could be much better. Almost half of the societies DID NOT ANSWER the Secretary's letters. Please, ladies, do you think this is courteous or fair? The Secretary must make up her report from the replies received and from last year's minutes. If any of the societies had classes which they failed to report, lack of credit rests upon the individual society and not the mission study secretary.

Now, just a word about the text book for the Mission Study classes for the coming year. Last year we studied a foreign mission book. This year we have a home mission book, a wonderful book entitled "Christian Americanization." All the woman's clubs over the land are going to make "Americanization" their study this year. If we want to be up-to-date women we must study this too. There is no better place than in a Mission Study class to take part in an intelligent study of this subject. The magazines are full of the subject. You can hardly pick up one now days unless you see an article which treats of some phase of Americanization. With the material at hand every society ought to have a "rousing, good" Mission Study class this year. Let's see if we can. Let's make our goal "39 Mission Study Classes on Christian Americanization."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. F. KOCH,
Chairman, Mission Study.

Report of Literature Secretary was read by Mrs. G. E. Hickman.

REPORT OF LITERATURE SECRETARY.

As Literature Secretary I have sent out 71 circular letters and the monthly tracts to ten societies for the first nine months of the year.

A "literature questionnaire" was mailed to each society this year for the purpose of locating those who are in need of

more literature and suggestions. We regret to find the small amount of literature used in some of the societies.

Your Secretary would recommend that every society procure the text books with the "helps," the maps and tracts, all of which are esesential in conducting the monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. MATTHIESEN,
Literature Secretary.

Financial statement, October, 1918, to October, 1919.

October, 1918, cash on hand	$ 2.91
December 4th, convention sales and orders for literature	13.07
Mrs. J. Matthiesen, Falls City, tracts	.50
Mrs. Ida King, West Point, tracts	.50
Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, Omaha, tracts	.50
Mrs. E. Larsen, Omaha, tracts	.50
Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Allen, tracts	.50
Mrs. J. H. Humpe, Lincoln, tracts	.50
Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Dakota City, tracts	.50
Mrs. H. C. Lewis, Emerson, tracts	.50
Mrs. Munson, Beatrice, tracts	.50
Miss Tillie Swanson, Tekamah, tracts	.50
June 6th, literature, Hooper	1.10
February 3rd, text books, Allen	1.50
February 6th, Mrs. E. Larson, Omaha	.40
Literature for Falls City	1.67
	$25.55
October 3rd, 1919, balance due secretary	.50
	$26.05

Disbursements.

October 22nd, postage for circular letters	$ 0.96
November 11th, postage for circular letters	.93
January 6th to Miss Protzman for literature	1.10
February 8th to Miss Protzman for literature	2.40
Postage and money order	.10
April 4th to Miss Protzman for convention literature and tracts	18.02
August 25th for tracts	.87
August 30th, literature for Falls City	1.67
	$26.05

Report of Secretary of Box Work was read by Mrs. Hillegass as follows:

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOX WORK.

The Secretary of Box Work reports as follows:

By the advice of the President of the Society, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, I sent out twenty-six letters to the various auxiliary societies of our Synod, requesting donations of money for future box work. This was thought best as we do not know what is the policy or what will be the method of working of the Society of the United Lutheran Church in America. The funds gathered in this way can be used as the State Synodical Society may think best.

The following societies have reported to me that they have sent donations to Tabitha Home:

South Auburn—3 barrels of fruit, 1 box of clothing, 1 crate of eggs.

Tekamah—3 boxes of clothing and 3 boxes of canned goods, besides several bushels of potatoes and beans.

Allen—Mission Band gave 1 box to Tabitha; Missionary Society gave 1 barrel of fruit, 1 box of clothing, 3 crates of eggs.

Wolbach—3 barrels of canned fruit.

Benson—1 box and some cash to Tabitha Home.

Wilbur—1 box of groceries and fruit.

The Mission Band in Allen gave $15 toward a building in Africa.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. A. WHITE.

The report of the Committee on Constitution was read by Mrs. Hessbacher.

We, the Committee on Constitution, beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the Synodical Conference and Congregation constitutions of the Women's Societies and the constitutions of the Young Women's, King's Helpers and Junior Mission Societies and recommend that they be endorsed by this convention.

MRS. E. A. HESSBACHER,
MISS FRANCES LAMP,
MRS. C. FRANKLIN KOCH,
MRS. G. BOUYER,
MRS. LILLIAN KISTLER.

Moved and seconded that Constitution be adopted as read. The following amendment was offered: That the

constitution include the representation of the local societies by sending two delegates from the Women's Societies and one each from the Young People and Mission Band.

The amendment was adopted and constitution adopted as amended.

A beautiful solo was rendered at this time by Mrs. Nelson of Omaha.

A most stirring report of the Fortieth Anniversary Convention was given by Mrs. C. H. Lewis of Emerson.

The delegate to the Fortieth Anniversary Convention presents a few facts from her report:

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE FORTIETH CONVENTION.

The General Missionary Society was organized in Canton, Ohio, in 1879 with Mrs. J. H. W. Stuckenberg as President.

A synodical society, however, had been organized in Iowa with Mrs. Laura B. Snyder (later a member of the Nebraska Synod) as President.

The missionary work of the women was both Home and Foreign from the beginning. The first home mission work was the payment of $500.00 toward the support of a traveling missionary in Nebraska. The first home mission Church established was at Freeport, Ill. Now there are 52 mission churches that have been established by the Women's Missionary Society. The first foreign work was the sending of Miss Kate Boggs (later Mrs. Shaffer) to India, and a little later Dr. Kugler, the greatest woman medical missionary in all India, was sent by the woman's society. The next work taken up was the sending of Miss Augusta Shaffer (now Mrs. Dr. A. Bohlman) to Africa.

The work in both the Home and Foreign fields has had a steady growth in workers and buildings.

Forty years from the date of organization the society met in Canton, Ohio, again to celebrate the anniversary and for the opening of the fortieth anniversary chest. Miss Gaumer, the corresponding secretary, reported a membership in all departments of our Missionary Society of 45,171, classified as follows: In women's societies, 28,204; in young people's organizations, 6,770; in mission bands, 10,197; in cradle rolls, 3,816; life members, 3,742; home department, 1,659, and memorial, 616. The Treasurer reported a total contribution for the last biennium of $241,116.06. The total contributions during the forty years was $1,539,907.72.

Mrs. L. K. Sanford, our new Life and In Memorium Secretary, gave the new rulings in this department which were, briefly: Any woman who has been a life member or memorial member continues to be the same in the United Church. These life members are entitled to a pin costing sixty cents. No pictures except children under 15 can be published in the magazine. In addition to the $10.00 fee a charge of three dollars is made for the cut, but the parents are entitled to the cut and one dozen post card pictures made from the same. Twenty-five dollars is the fee for a memorial membership but pictures of any may be printed. A life member may be made a memorial member by the addition of $15.00. All fees to be sent to the Synodical Treasurer but the photo and the three dollars are to be sent to Mrs. Sanford, Lancaster, Pa.

Mrs. Kretching, circulation manager of Lutheran Woman's Work, stated that there were nearly 30,000 subscriptions to our splendid magazine. Miss Laura Wade Rice, editor of Lutheran Boys and Girls, reported a circulation of 23,000 each week. Mrs. S. T. Himes, Thank Offering Secretary, reported that there was received $57,024.97 during the past biennium. The special contribution asked of the children of the mission bands for the African Church was $600.00. The amount contributed was $1,016.87. The Allen society will be placed upon the honor roll, they having contributed $10.00 or more. There was a resolution that the next new buildings to be erected in India and Africa should be in honor of Mrs. E. D. Miller, general treasurer for so many years, and Miss Mary Hay Morris, corresponding secretary for so long.

Some of the special features were the review of the forty years' work in the various mission fields: Forty years of Home Mission work by Mrs. A. V. Hunter, forty years' work in Africa by Miss Bertha Koenig, forty years' work in India by Dr. Anna S. Kugler. The convention was honored by having twelve missionaries present. The names of nineteen African missionaries were placed in the anniversary chest.

Tuesday might have been called the Anniversary Day. The roll of 116 delegates of 40 years ago and six responded and took their places upon the platform, and six responded by letter. There were four daughters of former delegates present. Tuesday evening the climax of the anniversary, a pageant, "Side Lights of Forty Years," was presented by the young people of the Central Church. At the close of the pageant the Fortieth Anniversary Chest was opened by the F. A. F. committee. All names

that were placed in the chest were read and the total amount contributed was announced—$54,460.10. On Wednesday morning the convention voted to make the following appropriations from the Chest Fund in addition to what had been appropriated already by the Executive Committee: $10,000.00 to the Ridgeway church of Springfield, Ohio, in memory of Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge; $5,000.00 for the equipment of interior stations in connection with Wuhlenberg mission in Africa, and $5,000.00 for buildings in India.

Forty years of labor and love for the Master! How He has blessed them. Now as we look forward to forty years in the future in our new organization, strong in numbers, well equipped in organization and talent, we realize that He who said, "Go ye into all the world and make deciples of every nation" is leading us on as before. Have we the vision large enough and faith sufficient to dare to anticipate what shall be accomplished? We do know, however, that now as then and as centuries ago we can say: "The Lord thy God hath blessed thee on all the work of thy hands—these forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee."

The Mission Study banquet was served by Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, Mission Study Secretary. The banquet was happily interrupted by the bringing in and introducing of Rachael, the one-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Shirck, she being made a life member when six weeks old, thus continuing the family one hundred per cent.

The badges of recognition were presented at this time.

Miss Welty gave a very interesting talk on India.

After announcements by the president the meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. Franklin Koch.

Wednesday Morning, October 8th.
9 O'clock.

The devotional services were led by Mrs. Guss.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted as corrected.

Good news was conveyed to the convention of the completion of the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society at Fremont.

Moved and seconded that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send a vote of thanks and appreciation and best wishes of the convention to Mr. and Mrs.

Walter Springer for the Record Book for the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention. Carried.

Literature was distributed, consisting of copies of our constitution and by-laws and various tracts of interest to each society.

Greetings were read by Mrs. Van Fleet from Mrs. Beegle to our Convention.

An announcement was made by Mrs. C. Franklin Koch that Mrs. Albert Haspel had been made a memorial member by her husband.

Report of Convention Committees:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers have examined same and recommend the letters be read before the Convention and action taken on the following:

1. We recommend that a Secretary of Deaconess Work be appointed as recommended in President's Report.

2. We recommend that a Chairman of Italian Missions be appointed.

3. We recommend the plan of the Lutheran Publication House.

4. That a Student Secretary be appointed as recommended in President's Report.

5. That the Treasurer's blanks be mailed by the new Treasurer, as they are not here at this time.

We enjoyed reading these letters very much.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. H. S. JOHNSON,
MRS. FRED TIMME,
MRS. E. B. CAMPBELL.

It was moved and seconded that we extend our loving sympathy to Mrs. S. H. Yerian and that we send some flowers in token of our affection. Mrs. Harmon was appointed to receive the contributions for the floral offering.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Neiswanger and Mrs. Yerian. Greetings and instructions were also received from Mrs. Beegle.

The Committee on Conference reported at this time, Mrs. Rangeler, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE REPORTS AND MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

Your Committee on Conference Reports and Minutes of Last Meeting would report:

1st. That we have examined the Reports of both Conference Committees and note that the Committees have been active during the year and that one new society has been organized at Fremont September 25th with 12 charter members.

We pray God's blessing on the seed sown, that new societies may be added in the future.

2nd. That we have examined the minutes of last year's Convention and find no action demanding attention of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. F. RANGELER,
MRS. HANS HANSEN,
MRS. P. C. HILLEGASS.

The Secretary of Box Work reports as follows:

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOX WORK.

By the advice of the President of the Society, Mrs. Baltzly, I sent out 26 letters to the various auxiliary societies of our Synod, requesting donations of money for future box work. This was thought best as we do not know the policy, or what will be the method of the Society of the United Lutheran Church in America. The funds gathered in this way can be used as the State Synodical Society may think best.

The following societies have reported that they have sent donations to Tabitha Home: Auburn, three barrels of fruit, one box of clothing, one crate of eggs; Allen Mission Band gave one box, the Missionary Society gave a barrel of fruit and three crates of eggs; Tekamah, three boxes of clothing and three boxes of canned goods, besides several bushels of potatoes and beans; Wolbach, three barrels of canned fruit; Benson, one box and some cash; Wilber, one box of groceries and fruit.

The Mission Band in Allen gave $15.00 toward a building in Africa.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. A. WHITE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE REPORTS OF BOX WORK AND LITERATURE COMMITTEES.

We the Committee appointed to examine the Reports of Box Work and Literature Committees commend the committees for their work. We recommend that the money that comes in for

Box Work, be held until we receive further instructions from the new Box Work Secretaries.

We recommend that each auxiliary society study "Christian Americanization" in the Mission Study Classes and for the regular programs "A Crusade of Compassion."

We also recommend that each delegate purchase the literature they wish to use in their respective societies.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RICHARD OLSEN,
Chairman,
MRS. HENRY JOHNSON,
MRS. H. W. MUNSON.

Above report and report of Box Work Secretary adopted.

Contributions for Box Work were made as follows:

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BOX WORK.

North Platte	$ 8.60
Tekamah	3.00
Omaha, St. Mark's	5.00
Beatrice	2.00
Oakland, Grace	5.00
Benson	3.00
Auburn	2.00
Lincoln, Grace	3.00
Kountz Memorial Mission Band	1.00
Kountz Memorial P. V. Society	1.00
Hardy	1.00
Benedict	2.00
Walton	2.00
Ponca	3.00
Omaha, Redeemer	2.00
West Point	5.00
Kountz Memorial	5.00
Allen	3.00
Rising City	10.00
Emerson	5.00
Omaha, St. Luke's	5.00
Hooper	5.00
Stella	3.00
Total	$84.60

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers was read, as follows:

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1st. We recommend that a Secretary of Deaconess Work be appointed as recommend in the President's report.

2nd. We recommend that a Chairman of Italian Missions be appointed.

3rd. We recommend the plan of the Lutheran Publication House, that the local societies be local agents for receiving subscriptions for the Lutheran, receiving a commission of 50c for each new subscription and 25c for each renewal.

4th. That a Student Secretary be appointed as recommended in the President's report.

5th. That the Treasurer's blanks be mailed, as they are not here at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. S. JOHNSON,
MRS. FRED TIMMIE,
MRS. E. B. CAMPBELL.

The total sale of literature at this convention amounted to $40.11.

Report adopted as a whole.

Committee on Reports of Department Secretary reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

We have carefully reviewed the reports of the following Department Secretaries: Home, Mission Band, Mission Study, Literature, Box Work, Thank Offering and Young People's, and as a Committee feel that they should be commended for their faithful efforts to advance the work in their respective department. However, a few points are deserving of special mention.

1. (a) The membership of the Home Department has increased from 29 to 47 and of this number 35 are subscribers to the "Lutheran Woman's Work." (b) May we also emphasize the fact that the success of the Home Department in each local society is largely due to just one lady assuming the responsibility.

2. To bring before you again the new goal of 1920 Mission Study Work, "Thirty-nine Mission Study Classes on 'Christian Americanization'." Note—Perhaps that would not be at all impossible if clearly understood that six lessons or meetings are

necessary—but that they be completed in six consecutive weeks is not necessary. It may be six days, weeks or months, at the discretion of the Society.)

3. It is commendable that Tabitha Home has been so well remembered by our Societies.

4. As our magazine subscriptions have increased from 369 to 444 it proves that we have followed last year's recommendation that a special campaign be carried out to that effect.

Let us not think that because it was impossible to have a report from the Annuity and Magazine Department Secretaries that their work is discontinued, but let us be determined to carry it on with even greater zeal.

We would recommend that an extra effort be made to organize a Mission Band, Mission Cradle Roll, Mission Home Department and Mission Study Class in every Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. E. HICKMAN,
MRS. G. PRESTEGAARD,
MISS MARGARET BAKER.

Report adopted with recommendation therein.

Deaths during the year were read at this time: Miss Hazel Francke, Secretary of the Woman's Society at Walton; Mrs. Anna Meyer, Mrs. A. M. Blume, Mrs. Albert Haspel, of North Platte, Mrs. Haspel being now made a memorial member by her husband.

Prayer was offered at this time by our President, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly.

Moved and seconded that the election of officers be immediately after lunch. Carried.

The Efficiency Chart was conducted by Mrs. C. H. Lewis, of Emerson. The presentation of the chart was of great interest to all. (See chart on page 64.)

It was moved and seconded that we make the percentage of the twilight hour of prayer twenty-five per cent of the membership as the standard for a point on our efficiency chart.

It was moved and seconded that we adopt a day the first week in Lent as our annual prayer and denial day. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that we use the efficiency standard as our guide. Carried, and adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on President's Address and

Officers' Reports was considered, item by item, and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AND OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The Committee on President's Address and Officers' Reports have examined the same and submit the following:

We wish to express our appreciation for the helpful and splendid address of our President and for her untiring service. We rejoice with her in the progress made during the past year.

It is with pleasure we note the new features which are fast coming to the front, namely the Inner Mission and Student Work.

We recommend the Standard of Efficiency to be our guide for all missionary societies and to observe the first week in Lent for prayer and self denial for Missions, the Lutheran Woman's Work in every home, and a wider circulation.

In the carefully detailed report of our Corresponding Secretary we note because of the influenza epidemic many of the societies held no meetings during October, November and December, and a number of deaths reported.

We would call special attention in regard to reporting correct and prompt reports to our Corresponding Secretary. We heartily commend her for excellent and thorough report submitted.

We are grateful to note the progress made in the Treasurer's Report in spite of the high cost of living and trying conditions of the past year and wish to express our appreciation of the faithful and excellent work done by our Treasurer, Mrs. Neiswanger.

We find after careful examination of our faithful historian's report a very accurate record of the past year with a noted increase in Life Members.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. H. DEAN,
MRS. F. V. AUSTIN,
MRS. L. S. LA RUE.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. R. Shirck.

Wednesday Afternoon, October 8th.
2 O'clock.

Devotional services conducted by Mrs. Guss. Prayer was offered by Dr. Harman.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted as corrected.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Nominating Committee beg to make the following report:

We are sorry to report that Mrs. O. D. Baltzly feels that she cannot accept the nomination for President of the Nebraska Synodical Society the coming year. We appreciate very much the good work she has done the past year. Mrs. Mostert, our Historian for many years, feels that it will be impossible for her to continue her work in that office and asks to have some one else elected in her place which we very much regret. Her work in the past has been highly appreciated.

It is with keen sorrow that we learn of Mrs. S. H. Yerian's illness. She has been a member of the Executive Committee for many years and we miss her at the Convention. May we all pray our Heavenly Father to restore her to her health and her family.

The following ladies have been selected as nominees:

President—Mrs. W. I. Guss.
First Vice-President—Mrs. O. D. Baltzly.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. C. H. Lewis.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. C. Heckt.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. VanFleet.
Treasurer—Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.
Historian—Mrs. G. W. Livers.
Delegate to General Convention—Mrs. O. D. Baltzly.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. BOLLMAN,
MRS. O. F. LINDBURG,
MRS. KEDDE.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. C. B. Harman cast the ballot of the convention for the nominees. Carried.

Miss Rensch, the Young People's Secretary, reported as follows:

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY.

To the Ladies of the Convention, Faithful Workers in Christ:

A prolonged illness has prevented me from fulfilling the promise I made to you when you entrusted nine Young Ladies' Societies into my care and keeping. I have not been instrumental in the organization of any new Society, but with some little struggle I have managed to send out fourteen letters, eight cards and some missionary material.

We now have in our Synod six working Societies with five of them reporting a total active membership of 108, an honorary

list of 27, a life roll of 2, and memorial roll of 2. In these five societies subscriptions to the Lutheran Woman's Work number 45. Special offerings during the year have contributed a total of $215.75, while the F. A. Fund was enlarged by $80.45 through the earnest efforts of the young ladies.

Workers together in Christ, we have work to do this year to come. Ours is a broader field and a bigger task since the merging of our three missionary bodies into one. And we need more workers! Oh, it is not commendable that our report should show a decrease in our ranks; we need to push organization, and an increase in membership; we need to adopt this slogan, "A Young People's Society in Every Congregation" where it is at all possible, and every available young lady a member of such a society.

We need to pray and work for more pray-ers and workers. The children of today are the citizens of tomorrow; in like manner, our present young ladies' societies are the coming Women's Societies. We need, also, to stress mission study, to urge a deeper interest in our text book study, for unless we are awake and alive to the needs existing, how can we hope to meet them? Along this line may I add that to really be well informed concerning our missionary activities one must read the official organ of the Society, The Woman's Work.

Finally let me urge a general faithfulness and diligence on the part of all in all of our work, which is the Master's Work. Great are the rewards promised to those who toil earnestly, and only by the combined faithful efforts of all can the worth-while be accomplished. Study thoughtfully, pray fervently, work diligently to enlist recruits in the army of Y. P. Workers, and great blessings are assured.

With a fervent prayer for the abundant success of the Y. P. Work, I remain

Faithfully,
WILHELMINA RENSCH,
Y. P. Secretary.

Adopted.

Moved and seconded that the settlement of the dues of the Society to the State of Nebraska be left to the Trustees. Carried.

The Executive Committee made the following recommendation: That the congregational societies who have Miss Welty take an offering to help defray her expenses, the same to be sent to the Synodical Treasurer. That the sum of $15.00 be allowed Miss Welty from our Treasury. Carried.

The Committee on Claims reported as follows:

The Claims Committee reports the following claims and recommends that they be allowed:

To President Mrs. O. D. Baltzly—		
Postage, stationery, etc.	$ 6.53	
Thank Offering programs (800)	4.00	
Express on literature	2.00	
Paper to typist	.65	$13.18
To Corresponding Secretary Mrs. VanFleet—		
Letters, etc.	.69	.69
To Recording Secretary Mrs. H. C. Heckt—		
Ribbon for badges	6.18	
Railroad fare	8.88	
Postage	.90	15.86
To Treasurer Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger—		
Postage	3.28	
Printed receipt cards	3.75	
Salary	5.00	12.03
To Mission Study, Mrs. C. F. Koch—		
Postage	1.47	1.47
To Literature Committee, Mrs. J. A. Matthiesen—		
Postage	.50	.50
To Standing Committee, Mrs. R. B. Weller—		
Secretary filing book	2.50	2.50
To Corey & McKenzie Printing Co.—		
Programs (500)	25.00	25.00
Total		$71.75

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEO. H. HAASE,
Chairman,
MRS. F. F. CARTER.

The report was adopted and bills allowed.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We express gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His protecting care over us and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the past year.

Be it resolved: That we express sincere thanks for the success of this Convention:

First, to our President, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, and other officers who have given such diligence in promoting the work.

Second, to Rev. C. H. Lewis for his address of information and inspiration.

Third, to the choir of Grace Church for music; to Mr. Swanson, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Paulson of Kountze Memorial for their solos.

Fourth, to the pastor, Rev. F. R. Shirck, and congregation for their hospitality and efforts to make our stay in their midst pleasant.

Fifth, and to the daily press for the recognition given us in their columns.

Resolved: That we express appreciation for the greetings of Miss Welty, our missionary to India; to Mrs. VanFleet, who so hospitably opened her home to the ladies of the convention, to meet Miss Welty and to get better acquainted with the work she represents; to our Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. C. F. Koch, for the spiritual banquet she had so thoughtfully prepared with the hope that this feast of enthusiam would bring future results; also to Mrs. Lewis for her excellent report of the fortieth anniversary convention at Canton, Ohio.

And be it further Resolved: That we express our gratitude to God for the evidence of prosperity in the formation of a new society at Fremont, and that we have exceeded our fortieth anniversary goal of more than $1400.00.

Be it further Resolved: That we rejoice in the consummation of the removal of Midland College into our midst and the manifestation of renewed interest by the increased number of students.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. W. LIVERS,
MRS. W. C. ALBACH.

A beautiful solo by Miss Paulson of Omaha was rendered.

It was moved and seconded that we give a vote of thanks to the typist for her services so kindly given. Carried.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Mostert for her faithful and diligent services for so long a time.

Mrs. Guss was elected as fraternal delegate to carry the greetings of the society to the Synod.

Moved and seconded that the thanks of the society be conveyed by our fraternal delegate to synod for printing the conference programs at the spring session.

A reading, Nyunga, by Miss Wilmina Rensch of Omaha, was so beautifully given, bringing out the appeal of our mission to our far-off country.

An offering was taken at this time which amounted to $10.59.

Prayer was offered for our missionaries at home and abroad.

Greetings were given by Dr. Harman, Rev. Stevens, Rev. L. W. Bright, Rev. Shirck.

Reports from the congregational societies were given, which were very gratifying. Reports from several of the Young People's Societies and Mission Bands were given.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The Consecration Services were conducted by Mrs. VanFleet.

The installation services were conducted by Mrs. C. F. Koch.

The Convention closed with the missionary benediction, led by Mrs. Guss.

MRS. H. C. HECKT,
Secretary.

	Place.	Organized.	Quarters Reported.	Presidents.	Corresponding Secretaries.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Cradle Roll Members.	Home Dept. Members.	Life Members.	Memorial Members.	Total not including Life or Home Dept. Mem	Time of Meeting.	Number of Meetings Held.	Lutheran Women's Work.	Lutheran Boys and Girls.	Value of Box Work.	Classes in Mission Study.
	WOMAN'S SOCIETIES.																	
1.	Allen	1913	1234	Mrs. G. W. Livers	Mrs. E. H. Allen,	25						25	Last Wed. in Month	12	20	25	$ 80.00	
2.	Auburn	1917	1234	Mrs. W. N. Stuff	Mrs. Fred Schuefer,	6		2			1	8	Third Fri. of Month	9	6	24		1
3.	Beatrice	1892	2 4	Mrs. C. P. Mumford	Mrs. H. W. Munson, 904 North 14th	20		35		1		55	Second Fri. of Month	11	25			1
4.	Benedict	1916	1234	Mrs. Minnie Sandlinger	Miss Minnie Bierder	21	2			1	1	23	Second Fri. of Month	10	20			
5.	Benson	1916	4	Mrs. Lillian Kistler	Mrs. Clarke Timmle	13						13	Third Thurs. of Month	1	2			
6.	Dakota City Emmanuel	1891	12 4	Mrs. Geo. Niebuhr	Mrs. W. H. Berger	7		2	1	4		9	First Thurs. of Month	1	4	1	3.00	
7.	Emerson	1918	34	Mrs. H. A. Davies		8				1		8	Second Thurs. of Month	12	12		62.00	2
8.	Erickson	1917		Miss Margaret Johnson	Miss Lola Bogseth	3						3			1			
9.	Falls City	1916	1234	Mrs. John Mathleson	Mrs. Anna Buthman, 2422 Stone, St.	27	2					29	First Thurs. of Month	3	14	36	30.00	
10.	Hardy	1913	12 4	Mrs. James Hale	Miss Ada Henderson	8						8	Second of each Month	11	6			
	Hardy Jewel																	
11.	Hooper	1915	1234	Mrs. K. de Freese	Mrs. A. E. Hecker	10	1					11	First Thurs. of Month	8	10	30		1
12.	Lincoln	1890	1234	Mrs. Humpe	Mrs. G. Prestegaard, 1944 Harwood Ave.	16	2		2	1		18	First Wed. of Month	7	17	60	13.60	
13.	North Platte	1904	1234	Mrs. C. Franklin Koch	Mrs. T. V. Austin, 1216 West 4th St.	15	1		6	3		16	Last Fri. of Month	7	16	35	130.20	1
14.	Oakland Grace	1916	1 4	Mrs. T. G. Larson Lyons	Miss Josie Robertson, R3, Oakland	10		4				14	Second Thurs. of Month	10	7			
15.	Omaha, Church of Our Redeemer	1916	1234	Mrs. C. B. Harman	Mrs. L. A. Homburg, 1724 So. 27th	35	2					37	Second Thurs. of Month	8	25	25		
16.	Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1906	234	Mrs. Allan Koch	Mrs. Geo. A. Johnson	62	2		21	30	7	64	Second Fri. of Month	10	61		20.00	1
17.	Omaha, St. Luke's	1913	1234	Mrs. W. H. Beckett	Mrs. Howard Frushard 4422 So. 21st St.	14	3			2		17	Third Wed. of Month	8	17			
18.	Omaha, St. Mark's	1916	123	Mrs. R. B. Weller	Mrs. E. Castberg, 2808 Bristol St.	22	4		3	2	2	36	First Thurs. of Month	9	31			
19.	Ponca	1880	4	Mrs. M. I. Kendall	Mrs. G. A. Young	32	1			1		33	First Fri. of Month	12	32			
20.	Rising City	1904	1234	Mrs. M. L. Melick	Mrs. P. C. Hilligass	38	4			2	1	47	First Wed. of Month	11	33	30	180.00	
	Stella	1912	4	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery	Miss Maud Montgomery	10					1	10	Third Thurs. of Month	3	4			1
22.	Tekamah	1880	1234	Mrs. M. G. Willert	Mrs. Glen Hickman	16	1		1	1		17	First Sat. of Month	12	15	25	124.60	1
23.	Walton	1916	12 4	Mrs. F. J. Spanhle	Mrs. Harry Franke	11	1					12	First Wed. of Month	5	12		6.80	
24.	Wayne	1915	1 34	Mrs. J. H. Fetteroff	Mrs. J. H. Fetteroff	14						14	First Wed. of Month	6	10			
25.	West Point	1904	4	Mrs. A. L. Krause	Mrs. Ida King	18				3		18	First Wednesday of Month	11	20			
26.	Wilbur	1916	12 4	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	Mrs. E. H. Houser								Second Tues. of Month	10				1
27.	Wolbach	1918	1234	Mrs. Anna Severson	Mrs. G. H. Holm	7						7	First Wed. of Month	5	1	24		1
28.	York	1916	123	Mrs. G. E. Sparks	Mrs. M. L. Werner	6	1					7	Third Thurs. of Month	5	7	16		
	Yutan, Synodical Member			Miss Ladia Berder		1						1			1			
	Paxton, Synodical Member			Mrs. H. A. Greenwalt		1						1			1			
29.	Fremont	1919		Mrs. G. W. Crouse	Mrs. Holmes Dysinger	13						13						
29.	Totals in Woman's Societies					498	27	43	34	52	13	568		217	436	325	$656.70	11

APPENDIX A—CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1919—*Continued.*

	Place.	Organized.	Quarters Reported.	Presidents.	Corresponding Secretaries.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Cradle Roll Members.	Home Dept. Members.	Life Members.	Memorial Members.	Total not including Life or Home Dept. Mems.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Meetings Held.	Lutheran Women's Work.	Lutheran Boys and Girls.	Value of Box Work.	Classes in Mission Study.
	YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.																	
1.	Emerson	1915	234	Louise Peters	Hazel Smith	22						72	Second Sat. of Month	12	1			1
2.	North Platte	1911	1234	Miss Ina Diener	Miss Thea Hansen, 315 W. Fifth St.	10	2		1	2		12	Third Wed. of Month	7	10			1
3.	Omaha, Grace	1915	1 4	Marvel Smith	Miss Irene Carlson, 1516 So. 25th Ave.	10	7				1	17	Second Sunday Fourth Thurs. of Month	8	3	100		
4.	Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Young Ladies	1912	2 4	Miss Lillian Over	Miss Ruth Ball	36	10					46	Last Fri. of Month	12	4		105.03	1
5.	Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Pax Volscum	1908	1234	Miss Isabelle Shukert	Mrs. E. F. Henderson, 5214 No. 27th St.	24	4				1	28	1st and 3d Mon. of Month	18	26		30.00	1
6.	Omaha, St. Luke's	1914	12 4	Miss Madeline Geiter	Miss Florence Carlson, 4706 So. 20th	3						3	Second Tues. of Month	5				
7.	West Point																	
7.	Totals in Young People's Societies					105	23		1	2	2	128		62	44	100	$135.03	6
	MISSION BANDS																	
1.	Allen		4	Gladys Harper		14		48				62	Last Thurs. of Month	10		25	20.00	
	Benedict disbanded																	
2.	Emerson	1917	4	Esther Bonderson	Margaret Blume	10						10	Second Sat. of Month	3	2	30	30.00	
3.	Falls City	1916	1234	Mrs. J. Mathieson	Mrs. Anna Ruthman	34	3					37	First Sun. of Month	3		36	41.00	
4.	North Platte	1910	2 4	Miss Mabel Bretermitz	Miss Dorothy Voselpka	16				1		18	Second Sat. of Month	7		35		
5.	Omaha, Kountze Memorial		2 4	Miss Dorothy Hembacher	Miss Clara Olson	34						34	Last Saturday of Month	10		100	5.00	
	Omaha, Grace	1917																
6.	Omaha, St. Luke's	1910	1234	Miss Violet Mook	Miss Anna Gunderson	16	1			1		17	First Sun. of Month	7		1		
7.	Rising City	1912	2	Miss Leona Dickerson	Miss Margaret Baker	6						6	Fourth Sun. of Month	3		30		
8.	Wolbach	1918	2	Miss Vedo Oakley	Miss Hilda Basternek	18						18	Every Fourth Sunday	2		34		
8.	Totals in Mission Bands					150	4	48		2		202		44	2	291	96.00	
44.	Grand Totals					753	54	91	35	56	15	896		323	476	716	$887.73	16

Respectfully Submitted, **MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET, Corresponding Secretary.**

APPENDIX B—TREASURER'S REPORT—Receipts for Year Ending October 1, 1919

	WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Thank Offering.	Christmas Offering.	May Memorial.	Life Membership and Memorium.	40th Anniversary Chest "F. A. F."	Girls' School in India.	Girls' School in Africa.	1919 Special Day, Memorial Church in Africa.	Christian Literature for Women and Children of Non-Christian Lands.	Support of Louise Miller.	Synodical Delegates Expense to General Convention.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Totals.
1.	Allen	$ 27.00	$ 4.70	$	$	$ 2.50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 34.20
2.	Auburn	7.20	.60	20.00	6.00											33.80
3.	Beatrice	15.80	1.70	13.00		1.50		1.00						1.70		34.70
4.	Benedict	19.10	.80	20.00										1.60		41.50
5.	Benson	3.30	2.40											1.10		6.80
6.	Dakota City (Emanuel)	5.85	1.00	6.89		.40		3.34						.80		20.28
7.	Emerson	6.15	2.50						*25.00							33.65
8.	Erickson	2.80	.80	7.00				4.00								14.60
9.	Falls City	15.55	2.60													18.15
10.	Hardy St. Paul's	3.20	1.10	1.00				2.00						1.10		8.40
11.	Hardy (Jewell)	5.75														5.75
12.	Hooper	8.00	2.70	15.75												26.45
13.	Lincoln	17.00	1.00	14.00												32.00
14.	North Platte	13.00	1.40		30.00			.70						1.40		46.50
15.	Oakland (Grace)	9.60	1.00	4.16												14.76
16.	Omaha (Church of Our Redeemer)	39.30	3.00	21.20				2.00						2.50		68.00
17.	Omaha (Luther's Memorial)	5.65	1.00	4.62												11.27
18.	Omaha (Kountze Memorial)	75.00	31.00	122.00			130.00	100.00								477.00
19.	Omaha (St. Lukes)	8.00	1.40					10.00	**25.00					4.20		48.60
20.	Omaha (St. Marks)	39.00	3.00	38.43			30.00	20.60				5.00				136.03
21.	Ponca	40.00	3.20	16.62												59.82
22.	Rising City	58.00	10.20	96.00		5.00	35.00	16.00	12.50	12.50						245.20
23.	Stella	11.60	.80	13.50	1.00	1.00		4.60						.80		33.30
24.	Tekamah	34.00		34.00		1.00	10.00	20.00						1.50		100.50
25.	Walton	9.30	.35	18.50				1.00						.35		29.50
26.	Wayne	14.10	2.60	35.00												51.70
27.	West Point	20.40	1.80	23.94		1.80		7.00						1.60		56.54
28.	Wilber	13.60	2.10	38.06		1.72		2.00						1.00		58.48
29.	Walbach	7.10	2.20	.90				1.50						1.00		12.70
30.	York	4.00	.90	9.16				5.68								19.74

*Teachers.
**Native Worker.

APPENDIX B—TREASURER'S REPORT—Receipts for Year Ending October 1, 1919—*Continued*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Thank Offering.	Christmas Offering.	May Memorial.	Life Membership and Memorium.	40th Anniversary Chest "P. A. F."	Girls' School in India.	Girls' School in Africa.	1919 Special Day Memorial Church in Africa.	Christian Literature for Women and Children of Non-Christian Lands.	Support of Louise Miller.	Synodical Delegates Expense to General Convention.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Totals.
1. Beatrice	$ 8.02	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 8.02
2. Emerson (Luther League)	13.20														13.20
3. Davenport (C. E.)								5.00	5.00						10.00
4. Emerson (Young People)	3.02	2.00						10.00					2.00		17.02
5. North Platte		2.00					36.00								38.00
6. Omaha (Grace)	2.00		10.00				14.25	25.00	25.00				1.00		77.25
7. Omaha (Kountze M. P. V.'s)	15.95	1.80	17.50				10.20	50.00					1.90		97.35
8. Omaha (Kountze M. Y. L.)	29.00	3.00	22.00	1.00	13.00		30.00					15.00			113.00
9. Omaha (St. Luke)	2.00		3.00												5.00
10. West Point								**8.50							8.50
Mission Bands.															
1. Allen	3.00														3.00
2. Emerson	3.00														3.00
3. Falls City	3.00									5.00					8.00
4. Hooper	2.25	.20													2.45
5. North Platte	4.00		12.00							2.00					18.00
6. Omaha (Kountze Mem.)	32.17			2.00						5.25					39.42
7. Omaha (St. Lukes)	2.00									2.00					4.00
8. Rising City	3.00		3.50							4.00					10.50
9. West Point	7.35									2.00					9.35
Home Department.															
1. Dakota City (Emanuel)							7.50								7.50
2. North Platte															5.00
	5.00														
Cradle Roll.	5.00														
1. Beatrice	4.40														4.40
Synodical Members.															
1. Miss L. Bender	1.25		.75				3.00								5.00
2. Mrs. H. L. Greenall	5.00														5.00
Ladies of Convention for Mrs. C. H. Lewis						10.00									10.00
Offering at Fremont Convention		9.95													9.95
Special Offering at North Platte Conference		11.04													11.04
Interest														.40	.40
Totals	$686.96	$117.84	$662.48	$ 40.00	$ 27.92	$215.00	$311.37	$161.00	$ 42.50	$ 20.25	7.00	$ 15.00	$ 26.15	$ .40	$2333.87

**Native Workers.

SYNODICAL TREASURER'S REPORT

RE CAPITULATION.	Cash on Hand Oct. 1st, 1918.	Deficits.	Receipts in Year.	Totals.	Disbursements.	Balance.
General Fund	$ 13.27	$	$ 686.96	$ 700.23	$ 517.00	$ 183.23
Synodical Fee Fund	21.32		117.84	139.16	98.68	40.48
Thank Offering		4.15	662.48	658.33	650.00	8.33
Christmas Offering	.75		40.00	40.75	40.00	.75
May Memorial Fund		2.60	27.92	25.32	28.00	*2.68
Life Membership			140.00	140.00	90.00	50.00
Life "In Memoriam"			75.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
40th Anniversary	.06		309.67	309.73	310.23	1.50
Chest Fund, Convention Special	.30		1.70	2.00		
Girls' School in India			102.50	102.50		
Native Workers			33.50	33.50	113.00	48.00
Teacher			25.00	25.00		
Girls' School in Africa	.35		42.50	42.85	5.00	37.85
"1919 Special" Church in Africa			20.25	20.25	18.00	2.25
Support of Louise Miller			15.00	15.00		15.00
Christian Literature from Women and Children of Non-Christian Lands			7.00	7.00		7.00
Synodical Delegates to General Convention	3.47		26.15	29.62	28.00	1.62
Silver Anniversary Fund	8.80		.40	9.20		9.20
Total	$ 48.32	$ 6.75	$2333.87	$2375.44	$1947.91	$ 430.21
Deficit	$ 6.75					$ 2.68
	$ 41.57					$ 427.53

*Overdrafts.

1918 DISBURSEMENTS.		
From Synodical Fund—		
Dec. 6th, 1918:		
Mrs. M. A. Mastert	$ 1.25	
Mrs. E. A. VanFleet	3.68	
Mrs. C. H. Lewis	27.92	
Mrs. E. Bollman	3.28	
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell	7.50	
Mrs. H. O. Wilson	1.75	
Mrs. R. A. White	1.50	
Mar. 25, 1919:		
Corey & McKenzie, Printers	10.50	
Mar. 30, 1919:		
Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger	19.48	
May 26, 1919:		
Mrs. C. H. Lewis	6.16	
Mrs. H. C. Heckt	9.96	
Mrs. E. A. VanFleet	1.50	
Mrs. O. D. Baltzly	4.20	$ 98.68
Dec. 28, 1918:		
Miss M. Margaret Miller, General Treasurer	675.00	
Mar. 27, 1919:		
Miss M. Margaret Miller, General Treasurer	$40.23	
June 10, 1919:		
Miss M. Margaret Miller, General Treasurer	60.00	
June 28, 1919:		
Miss M. Margaret Miller, General Treasurer	274.00	$1849.23
Total		$1947.91

(Mrs. D. M.) ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER, Synodical Treasurer.

Dakota City, Neb., Oct. 6th, 1919.—To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society: We have carefully examined the books and vouchers of your treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth S. H. Neiswanger, and find the figures as set forth in the report to be correct.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1918	$ 41.57
Total receipts from Oct. 1st, 1918, to Oct. 1st, 1919	2333.87
	$2375.44
Total Disbursement from Oct. 1st, 1918	$1947.91
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1919	$ 427.53

Auditors { H. H. ADAIR, ELMER H. BIERMANN.

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SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1920-1921.

Officers

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H. C. LUCKEY

Program for Next Session.

Opening Sermon Wednesday, 9 o'clock, President Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., Ph. D., L. L. D.

Fifth Anniversary Service in Charge of the Anniversary Committee Thursday Night.

Ordination Sermon.

Rev. F. R. SHIRCK

Chaplain

Rev. ELMER KAHL

NEXT MEETING, WAYNE, NEBRASKA, OCTOBER 11-13.

SYNODICAL ROLL

No.	Name.	Entered Ministry	Entered Synod	Place	Lay Delegate.
1	A. T. Ludwig	1879	1879	Jameson, Mo.	
2	I. N. Augustine	1874	1882	Grand Island	
3	W. F. Eyster	1841	1884	Crete	
4	R. A. White	1880	1886	Wolbach	
5	Luther M. Kuhns, Litt. D.	1885	1888	Omaha	
6	J. F. Kuhlman	1858	1899	Pawnee City	
7	G. W. Livers	1899	1903	Allen	
8	L. L. Lipe	1871	1904	Sharon, Wis.	
9	C. H. B. Lewis	1904	1904	Emerson	Wm. Zastrow
10	R. M. Badger	1902	1905	Lincoln, Neb.	
11	H. Heiner		1906		
12	C. B. Harman	1900	1910	Grand Island	G. A. Leiser
13	M. E. Bollinger	1893	1910	Auburn	Fred Schriefer
14	S. L. Keller	1887	1910	Fremont	
15	E. Lee Fleck	1886	1910	Lincoln	H. C. Luckey
16	O. D. Baltzly, D. D., LL. D.	1895	1911	Omaha	Wm. Tegtmeyer
17	E. Pfeiffer	1900	1912	Ruskin	
18	W. T. Kahse	1903	1912	York	
19	C. R. Lowe	1906	1913	Dakota City	M. G. Leamer
20	Paul O. Machetzki		1914	Lincoln	
21	E. Bollman	1889	1914	Benedict	H. W. Walker
22	C. Franklin Koch	1914	1915	North Platte	O. H. Cressler
23	J. H. Fetterolf	1895	1916	Wayne	Ole Hursted
24	R. W. Livers	1905	1916	Hooper	
25	Klaus de Freese	1914	1916	Omaha	
26	John C. Hershey	1917	1916	Stella	
27	G. B. Weaver	1897	1916	Beatrice	C. F. Overbeck
28	F. C. Fitting		1917	York	
29	Earl A. Beyer	1917	1917		
30	H. L. Greenawalt	1898	1918	Paxton	Roy Ziegenhagen, Sutherland

SYNODICAL ROLL—Continued.

31	W. Luther Bright	1901	1918	Nebraska City	John Petring	
32	W. H. Seger	1908	1918	Stamford		
33	W. H. N. Stephens	1918	1918			
34	Lauritz Ries	1918	1918	Falls City		
35	Clark S. Powell	1914	1918	York	Fred C. Voss, Jr.	
36	W. A. Klink	1917	1919	Rising City	L. J. Saylor	
37	W. I. Guss	1898	1919	Omaha	Fred Larson	
38	George Dorn	1919	1919	Omaha		
39	F. R. Shirck	1906	1919	Omaha	J. F. Smith	
40	A. A. Marohn	1918	1919	Ponca	A. H. Logan	
41	W. F. Rangeler, D. D.	1897	1919	West Point	Fred Kahrs	
42	O. W. Ebright	1918	1919	Benson		
43	E. C. Mortensen	1920	1919	Wilber		
44	Jas. J. Raun	1920	1919	Lincoln		
45	R. A. Helms		1919	Oshkosh	W. R. W. Taylor, Lewellen	
46	John H. Utesch	1904	1919	Tekamah	S. A. Wassum	
47	A. K. Walborn		1920	Omaha	H. A. Thielke	
48	Wm. Hoffman		1920	Davenport	Mahlon Snyder	
				Gurley	S. J. Flora	
				Oakland	C. W. Johnson	
49	Geo. Mortensen	1920	1920	Verden		
				Fremont		
				South Sioux		
				Hardy		
					Henry Pederson	

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

—OF THE—

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

The Forty-eighth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nebraska opened in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Platte, Wednesday morning, October 6, by the Holy Communion. Sermon by President Lewis.

After the Communion service the President formally declared the Synod open for business.

Motion prevailed that bar of Synod be established nine rows back from the front.

Time of adjournment of morning session established at 11:30, afternoon session to begin at 1:30.

President reported. (Exhibit A).

Second Session Wednesday.

Synod opened at 1:30 with prayer by Rev. Oak Ebright.

Treasurer reported. (Exhibit B and B1).

Established by motion that the Synod vote Cashier Ross its thanks for auditing the treasurer's books, and that the Secretary officially notify Mr. Ross of this action. Treasurer's report referred to committee on President's report.

Statistical Secretary reported. (Exhibit C).

Moved recommendations be considered item by item. Report adopted.

Historian's report adopted. (Exhibit D).

Secretary's report adopted. (Exhibit E).

Established that the matter of Voegley's amendment be referred to the Constitution Committee.

Executive Council reported its action as to Falls City Hospital. Report adopted.

Dr. J. H. Curry of the North Platte Presbyterian Church was introduced to the Synod.

Ordered that the election of officers be deferred until after the adoption or rejection of the new constitution.

Ordered that the present officers appoint the committees.

Dr. J. F. Krueger was heard, as a special order, in behalf of Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary.

Rev. G. W. Livers was heard in behalf of the Inner Mission Board.

As a special order the representative of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. G. E. Hickman, brought to our body the fervent greetings of that Society The president made suitable reply.

President named Committees. (Exhibit F).

Committee on state of the church reported. (Exhibit G).

Committee on Systematic Benevolence reported. Adopted. (Exhibit H).

Ordered that the Secretary wire immediately to Dr. Kunebel of the U. L. C., whether the delegates to the general convention of the United Lutheran Church will have their expenses paid to the Convention, regardless of the amount of benevolence paid into the U. L. C. treasury by the Synod.

Committee on Necrology reported. Adopted. (Exhibit I).

Minutes read and approved.

Ordered that we meet at 8:30 Thursday morning.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. L. M. Kuhns.

Thursday Morning Session.

Roll call.

Devotion by Rev. Elmer Kahl.

Committee on New Congregations reported. Adopted. (Exhibit J).

Directors of Tabitha home reported. Adopted. (Exhibit K).

Rev. E. Pitt, representative of the German Nebraska Synod, was introduced to Synod.

Ordered to appoint an auditing committee for Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension treasurer's books.

Resolved: That in consideration of the fact that three new pastoral charges have been added to the roll of Synod, it is the sense of this Synod that we proceed to elect one clerical primary and one clerical alternate delegate to the meeting of U. L. C. to be held at Washington, D. C. Also that we elect one lay primary delegate and one lay alternate delegate to the same convention of the United Lutheran Synod. Adopted.

Committee on Letters and Papers reported. (Exhibit L). Items 1 and 2 adopted.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. C. Hershey.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

Prayer by E. Bollman opened Synod.

Synod opened in executive session for the purpose of continuing the consideration of the report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Executive session closed.

Rev. E. Pitt, representative from the German Nebraska Synod, brought us the hearty greeting from his Synod. President Lewis replied very suitably.

Committee on Adjudication reported. Adopted. (Exhibit M).

Examining committee reported. Adopted. (Exhibit N).

Committee on President's report reported. Adopted. (Exhibit O).

Committee on Laymen's Missionary meeting reported. Adopted. (Exhibit P).

Committee on Archives reported. Adopted. (Exhibit Q).

Anniversary committee reported. Adopted. (Exhibit R).

Committee on South Platte Conference reported. Adopted. (Exhibit S).

Rev. J. A. McCulloch, Dr. C. E. Hay, Dr. Yarger, Rev. Paul Krause, Dr. C. L. Brown introduced to Synod and made advisory members of Synod.

Ordered that the Secretary of Synod cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for J. H. Humpe as fifth lay delegate to the United Lutheran Church Convention; also for fifth alternate, Dr. O. H. Cressler. Rev. R. W. Livers was elected fifth delegate to general convention of the United Lutheran Church.

Rev. C. S. Powell elected fifth clerical alternate.

Committee on Young People's work reported. Adopted. (Exhibit T).

Committee on North Platte Conference reported. Adopted. (Exhibit U).

Committee on Vacancies reported. Adopted. (Exhibit V).

Report of trustees of Midland College. Adopted. (Exhibit W).

Report of apportionment committee. Adopted. (Exhibit X).

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. C. L. Brown.

Thursday Night Session.

Rev. Ernest Christopher Mortensen and Rev. James Jensen Raun were ordained to the office of the holy ministry. Sermon delivered by Rev. G. B. Weaver.

Friday Morning Session.

Roll call.

Devotion led by Rev. Elmer Kahl.

Synod called to order by President.

J. E. Sebastian spoke as to Every Member Canvass.

Nachusa trustee reported. Adopted. (Exhibit Y).

Rev. J. A. McCulloch spoke in behalf of Nachusa Orphanage.

Rev. Paul Krauss spoke in behalf of the Board of Education.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned by prayer by Rev. Krause.

Friday Afternoon Session.

Opened by prayer by Rev. R. W. Livers.

Rev. D. H. Shultz introduced to Synod.

Synodical Sunday School Superintendent reported. Adopted. (Exhibit Z).

Ministerial Education Committee reported. Adopted. (Exhibit AA).

Constitution Committee reported.

Ordered that the report be adopted as a whole as presented by the Committee.

Ordered that the committee be continued and that it bring to the attention of Synod changes in the by-laws as may be needed.

Ordered that the Committee be empowered to have the Constitution put in type.

Election of Officers.

Ordered most heartily and unanimously that the treasurer be instructed to pay the retiring President two hundred dollars for past services.

Absentee and Excuse Committee reported. Adopted. (Exhibit AB).

Moved that worthy young women desiring to fit themselves for special service for the Master in the home and foreign field of the church be given aid from the Beneficiary Fund.

Referred to Constitution Committee.

Members of Executive Committee elected as follows:

C. H. Lewis for two years.

C. F. Koch for three years.

Ordered that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Synod for W. F. Rangeler for Member of Executive Committee for one year, for J. H. Humpe and Rev. R. M. Badger for trustees of Tabitha Home; for Rev. E. Bollman for trustee of Nachusa Orphanage. for Rev. G. B. Weaver and Jos. H. Miller for trustees of Midland College.

Ordered that the secretary pro tem cast the unanimous ballot of the Synod for Rev. C. R. Lowe for Secretary; for Rev. G. B. Weaver for Statistician and for Rev. R. A. White as Historian, and Jos. H. Miller for treasurer.

Dr. Oliver D. Baltzly was elected president on ballot.

Resolutions Committee reported. Adopted.

(Exhibit AC).

Auditing Committee for Home Missions and Church Extension reported. Adopted. (Exhibit AD)

Ordered that a maximum amount of $600 be appropriated from the funds of Synod for Secretarial assistance to President of Synod and Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Home Missions Committee reported. Adopted. (Exhibit AE.)

Dr. Yarger addressed Synod in behalf of the Home Mission board.

Ordered to recommend to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension that the salary of the Missionary Superintendent should be increased at least two hundred dollars for the coming year.

Dr, C. E. Hay, Secretary of the Deaconess Board, spoke in the interests of that work.

Dr. C. L. Brown, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, spoke in the interests of that work.

Report of the Committee on Claims and Pooling adopted. (Exhibit AG).

Protocol Committee reported. Adopted. (Exhibit AH).

Rev. L. Ries spoke in the interest of the Falls City Hospital.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Fred Ross Shirck.

Friday Night Session.

Synod opened in executive session at 7:30 with prayer by Dr. W. F. Rangeler.

Synod closed executive session and opened regular session.

Executive Committee reported as to Standing Committees. (Exhibit AJ).

Ordered that the time and place of the next meeting of Synod be left to the Executvie Committee.

Resolutions Committee of the Brotherhood reported. Adopted (Exhibit AK).

Ordered that 1500 copies of these minutes be printed and that they embody the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Society and the minutes of the Brotherhood.

Ordered that the usual allowance be made for the salary of the Secretary. ($15).

Ordered that the Janitor be paid for his services $10.

Minutes of the afternoon and the night sessions read and approved.

Dr. O. D. Baltzly was inducted into the office of the president, and adjourned the Synod, according to the prescribed formula.

SEND YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS TO

MIDLAND COLLEGE

MEETING OF THE STATE ORGANIZATION

—OF THE—

FIRST EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD OF THE

NEBRASKA SYNOD

The meeting opened with M. G. Leamer, President, presiding, Rev. Badger, of Lincoln, Nebraska, conducting devotional services.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting proceed to hear the various addresses and lines of discussion to be offered by the speakers present, before proceeding further with the usual routine of business. In view of the fact that the original by-laws and constitution became misplaced, for the past year, Rev. George Livers and Rev. W. I. Guss were appointed as a committee of two by the chair to construct and re-write new by-laws and constitution and report the same, to be approved or disapproved at one o'clock P. M., October 6th, 1920.

Rev. R. W. Livers opened the discussion with a very interesting paper, entitled, "Brotherhood and Personal Christian Work."

Rev. Walters gave a very interesting address in the interest of Tabitha Home. Rev. A. A. Marohn followed with a very interesting address on the subject of "Pastoral Calling and Brotherhood Work."

Rev. R. M. Badger, Rev. John Hershey and Mr. Henry Pederson were appointed committee of three by

the chair to draw resolutions to be submitted and read at one o'clock P. M. of October 6th, 1920.

General discussion discontinued.

Election of officers for the state organizations followed. M. G. Leamer was re-elected President by unanimous vote. W. E. Tilberg of Fremont, Nebraska, President of the Fremont Lutheran Brotherhood, was unanimously elected Vice President. J. E. Sebastian of North Platte, Nebraska, was elected Secretary-Treasurer by unanimous vote. Rev. C. H. Lewis and Rev. C. F. Koch, pastors of the Lutheran Synod, were elected to be members of the executive committee, consisting of five in number, which committee is to be the executive committee of the First Evangelical Lutheran Brotherhood of Nebraska, the officers of said Brotherhood to be members of the Executive Committee.

There followed a very interesting address by Dr. J. F. Krueger and it was moved and seconded that the executive committee of the First Evangelical Lutheran Brotherhood co-operate with Dr. Krueger and the Seminary Faculty regarding the place of the 1921 Spring meeting to be held.

Nothing further coming before the meeting, the same adjourned.

J. E. SEBASTIAN,
Secretary.

EXHIBIT A.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fathers and Brethren of the Synod of Nebraska:

Grace, Mercy, and Peace, from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all.

In accordance with the all-wise Providence of the Heavenly Father, we are permitted to assemble today in the Forty-eighth Annual Convention of our Synod.

The past year has been one of unusual activity, particularly along beneficent lines. We have noted with gratification the substantial progress of our Midland College in its new home in Nebraska. The unrest so manifest in the world is naturally reflected in the number of pastoral changes to be noted, with others in prospect. These are times that try men's souls not only in the affairs of the world, but also in the life of the Church.

The period of readjustment through which the world is passing has not left the Church unaffected, but we acknowledge with sincere gratitude that our beloved Church in this country has not only weathered the storm, but was able to report increase in material membership while other Christian bodies, not so fortunate, had serious losses. There is no occasion for boasting, but abundant need for self-examination and prayer so that we may know why our increases were not larger than they were.

In harmony with established custom, I herewith submit to you a review of the work of the past year, as it pertains not only to individual pastors and congregations, but to the Church at large.

Resignations.

The following resignations were reported to me, effective on the dates mentioned:

October 19, 1919, Rev. C. W. Seville resigned the Oakland pastorate to accept a call in the Synod of the Northwest.

February 9, 1920, Rev. Wm. A. Klink resigned the Wilber pastorate to accept a call to Rising City.

March 2, 1920, Rev. Emil Doering resigned the Stamford pastorate to accept a call in the Synod of the Northwest.

April 6, 1920, Rev. Henry Voegtly resigned the Davenport pastorate to accept a call in the Iowa Synod.

May 1, 1920, Rev. W. H. N. Stevens resigned the York pastorate.

August 1, 1920, Rev. C. S. Powell resigned the Hampton pastorate to accept a call to York, Nebraska.

September 5, 1920, Rev. Elmer Kahl resigned the Sidney-Gurley pastorate.

October 10, 1920, Rev. W. H. Saeger, resigned the Potter pastorate to accept a call to Stamford, Nebraska.

November 11, 1919, Rev. J. R. Enger voluntarily demitted the ministry to engage in secular business. Unable to find his ordination papers for deposit with the officers of Synod, he promised to send in same should he find them in the future.

November 1, 1920, Rev. K. de Freese resigned the Hooper pastorate in October to take effect on date named.

On September 24, 1920, Rev. Fred Ross Shirck resigned the Grade Church, Omaha, to take effect on or before January 1, 1921.

October 1, 1920, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., resigned Omaha Church of the Redeemer, to go to Grand Island.

Dismissals, Etc.

October 27, 1919, Rev. C. W. Seville to the Synod of the Northwest.

November 15, 1919, Rev. H. H. Hanson to the Synod of Kansas.

November 19, 1919, Rev. J. R. Enger voluntarily demitted the ministry.

March 8, 1920, Rev. Wm. Koester to the Texas Synod.

March 10, 1920, Rev. Emil W. Doering to the Synod of the Northwest.

April 16, 1920, Rev. John Mathiesen to the Wartburg Synod.

April 16, 1920, Rev. Paul A. J. Buelow to the Iowa Synod.

April 16, 1920—Rev. Henry Voegtly to the Iowa Synod.

June 28, 1920, Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph.D., to the Miami Synod.

September 17, 1920, Rev. A. B. Shrader, D.D., to the Kansas Synod.

Calls Accepted and Accessions to Synod.

The following calls were reported to me, the dates given being the date they became effective, respectively:

October 1, 1920, Rev. Helms accepted call to the Lewellen-Oshkosh pastorate, from Northern Indiana Synod.

February 1, 1920, Rev. A. K. Walborn accepted call to St. Luke's Church, Omaha, from the Iowa Synod.

February 15, 1920, Rev. Wm. A. Klink accepted call to Rising City.

February 29, 1920, Rev. James Raun, student at the Western Theological Seminary, accepted call to Walton pastorate.

March 7, 1920, Rev. E. C. Mortenson, student at the Western Theological Seminary, accepted call to Wilber, Nebraska.

May 19, 1920, Rev. Wm. Hoffman from the Iowa Synod accepted call to Davenport congregation.

August 1, 1920, Rev. C. S. Powell accepted a call to York, Nebraska.

October 1, 1920, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., accepted a call to Grand Island.

November 1, 1920, Rev. K. de Freese accepted a call on October 3 to Omaha Church of the Redeemer.

Installations.

February 1, 1920, Rev. A. K. Walborn was installed as pastor of St. Luke's Church, Omaha, by Rev. George Dorn.

February, 1920, Rev. Wm. A. Klink was installed at Rising City, Rev. L. M. Kuhns officiating.

June 6, 1920, Rev. Wm. Hoffman was installed as pastor at Davenport by the President of Synod.

October 3, 1920, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., was installed at Grand Island by the President of Synod.

October 3, 1920, Rev. C. S. Powell was installed as pastor at York, by the President of Synod and Rev. W. T. Kahse, the latter charging the congregation, and the former charging the pastor and performing the act of installation.

Regular Supplies.

In addition to the above pastoral changes, Bruning, which became vacant when Rev. Paul Spaude, Supply Pastor, left the state, has been supplied during recent months by Rev. Paul O. Machetzki.

Oakland is being supplied by regular services by Rev. J. F. Krueger, Ph. D., of the Western Theological Seminary at Fremont.

Homer was supplied for several Sundays by students from the Western Theological Seminary.

Grand Island and Rising City were supplied for several months by Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

Vacancies.

In spite of efforts to procure regular pastors, the following fields are at present vacant: Eagle, Elmwood, Hampton, Homer, Hubbard, McCool Junction, Pawnee City, Sidney-Gurley, Stamford.

Stamford has called Rev. Saeger, and when he arrives on

field, Potter will become vacant. McCool Junction has thus far resisted efforts to supply them with regular services. Eagle and Elmwood should be formed into a single pastorate and a Pastor secured, if possible. Hampton is at present negotiating for a regular Pastor. Homer-Hubbard has thus far not manifested readiness to resume regular services.

Hampton has at present called a Pastor, but we have not heard whether person called will accept.

Deaths, Etc.

Once more death has entered our ranks and removed from us an esteemed and beloved brother, the Rev. Leonard Groh, D. D., who entered into his eternal rest October 24, 1919. The services were held in St. Mark's Church, Omaha, the Lutheran Pastors of Omaha officiating. The Necrology Committee will make a full report on this at the proper time.

Appointments.

In accordance with instructions of Synod, I appointed as a special Fall City Hospital Committee, the Revs. W. L. Bright, George Dorn, M. E. Bollinger, and Dr. J. H. Miller. Owing to circumstances beyond their control very few of the committee could meet at the time the Falls City Hospital Association held its meeting. Report on this will be considered later.

In response to request of Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church, I appointed as Synodical Inner Mission Committee, the Revs. Geo. W. Livers, W. L. Bright, John Hershey, K. de Freese, C. F. Koch.

On March 31, I appointed Rev. C. B. Harman as Fraternal Delegate to the Nebraska Conference of the Augustana Synod.

On May 5, I appointed Rev. W. I. Guss to accompany Rev. W. T. Kahse on special mission of investigation and adjustment on Sidney and other Mission Fields in Western Nebraska.

After the special meeting Synod, I appointed as a special Committee on Constitution, the Revs. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., W. I. Guss, C. B. Harman, D. D., W. L. Bright, O. W. Ebright, who will report at the proper time.

In September I appointed Dr. C. B. Harman to represent the President at a congregational meeting of the Grace Church, Omaha.

Beneficence Campaigns.

A number of Churches co-operated in the general United Lutheran Church Benevolence Campaign in November, but, ow-

ing partly to the fact that about half of the Churches have already held their Every Member Canvass in September and October, and the fact that almost impassable roads in the rural districts in November hindered the work, this campaign was not the success hoped for in Nebraska Synod.

There was a rather general response by all the Churches in the appeal for clothing for Polish relief work, but we do not have the figures as to Nebraska's total contribution for this purpose.

The Lutheran World Service Appeal found a ready response in many of our congregations. Up to date 48 out of 54 congregations in our Synod have reported a total of over $7,800. The total for Nebraska thus far shows that 226 out of 313 congregations in all the Synods contributed about $50,000. Our quota was $46,000. Nebraska, therefore, had a comfortable excess on the assigned quota, and was one of the very first of the large states to report quota met.

The United Lutheran Church Executive Committee have again set the month of November as the time for the general Every Member Canvass, and they urge the complete co-operation of all who have not already made this canvass this fall.

The Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Church requests that inasmuch as this Synod will not meet until nearly a year after the United Lutheran Church Convention that this Synod confer upon the Executive Committee of this Synod the authority to approve and adopt the budget of the United Lutheran Church has adopted this month, which budget will not be to exceed 20 per cent more than that of the present biennium.

Conference of Synodical Presidents.

A Conference of Presidents of the various constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church, called by Dr. F. H. Knubel, President of the United Lutheran Church, was held in Harrisburg, Penna., February 3-5, 1920.

Your President had the privilege to attend this conference, the purpose of which was to confer on such matters as pertained to the relationships of the Synods to the United Lutheran Church and to each other, together with a plan of unifying methods of work in the various Synods; at the same time to develop a sense of solidarity as a United Lutheran Church and a spirit of co-operation.

The program contained such general themes as: The Sphere and Responsibilities of Synods, Lutheran Relationships, The

Synod and the Congregations, The Meeting of Synod, etc. The remarkable thing was the fine spirit of agreement in great essentials, so that the meetings were discussions rather than arguments.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that such a conference of Presidents is essential to the welfare and progress of the United Lutheran Church, and that we recommend the perpetuation of it to our various Synods and ask that the U. L. C. sanction the same. We refer this matter to the Synod for its consideration.

Another Conference of Synodical Presidents was held in Chicago under the direction of the National Lutheran Council in conjunction with a conference of State Chairmen, who were to have charge of the Lutheran World Service Appeal. This Conference developed such a spirit of enthusiatic co-operation among the various parts of the Church co-operating with the National Lutheran Council that the measure of success which attended the Campaign is traceable in large measure to this unity of determination to have it succeed.

Pastors' Salaries and Honor Roll.

In accordance with the recommendation of Synod that the minimum salary in this Synod be $1,500 and parsonage, and realizing the need in many instances for immediate action, we addressed communications to every member of every Church Council in the Synod requesting their attention to this matter. We know of some definite results from this attempt. Later this year we addressed another communication to these same Councilmen sending them copy of blank questionnaire sent to Pastors for some information data. Additional results were noted this time. The congregations which meet the minimum as set by Synod or exceed that minimum are Allen, Dakota City, Emerson, Nebraska City, North Platte, Omaha-Kountze Memorial, Omaha-St. Mark's, Omaha-Grace, Omaha-Church of Our Redeemer, Paxton, Wayne, West Point, Wilbur, York.

The congregations which have granted increases of salary, together with per cent of increase are as follows: Beatrice, 8 per cent; Dakota City, 25 per cent; Emerson, 14 per cent; Hardy, 8 per cent; Hooper, 25 per cent; Nebraska City, 25 per cent; North Platte, 50 per cent; Omaha-Kountze Memorial, 30 per cent; Omaha-St. Mark's, 12 per cent; Benson, 14 per cent; Omaha-Church of Our Redeemer, 14 per cent; Paxton-Sutherland, 25 per cent; Rising City, 25 per cent; Davenport, 20 per cent;

West Point, 12 per cent; Wilber, 25 per cent; Wolbach, 25 per cent; Ponca, 30 per cent.

Two congregations report the inadequate salary of $1,000 in these days of excessive high prices. Nineteen congregations are still below the Synod minimum, and 12 barely meet the U. L. C. minimum or are under this minimum of $1,500 and parsonage. Eliminating two of the large congregations from the accounting, the average is a little more than $1,500 for this Synod; including these two the average rises to $1,700.

Those who use cars in their pastoral work report that it costs from $100 to $350 a year for strictly pastoral duty, which, in effect, means that the net salary of the Pastor in that congregation is reduced by that amount.

Parish Progress, Improvements, Etc.

Allen.—Church and parsonage interiors painted at a cost of $600.

Beatrice.—Over $500 was paid on the parsonage debt, making property debt-free.

Benedict.—For remodeling parsonage and installing furnace, $500 was expended.

Davenport.—Remodeling of heating system, costing $165.

Emerson.—Remodeling of heating plant, interior decorating in parsonage, new electric fixtures in parsonage, cost of $1,800.

Hampton.—Purchased Church building at a cost of $1,200.

Hardy.-St. Paul's—Remodeling of basement and furnace room, $800.

Jewell—New foundation for Church, remodeling of basement, etc., $500.

Hooper.—Cancelled over $3,100 Church indebtedness, making the property free of debt.

Lincoln.—Hard wood floor in auditorium, velvet carpet for aisles and choir and altar platforms with other repairs, totaling $700. House has been contracted for and will be moved to parsonage lot to be used as a parsonage.

McCool Junction.—Laid 150 feet of new cement walks, costing $130.

Nebraska City.—Purchased a new piano, purchased new hymnals, placed a new furnace in parsonage, with other minor improvements, costing over $500.

North Platte.—Dedicated a beautiful new Church building with cost of same all pledged; $40,000 paid on this new building, and balance of $30,000 all arranged for.

Omaha-St. Marks.—Paid the remaining debt, $300, on the Church.

Omaha-Benson.—Painted Church, rebuilt front entrance and steps, made connection with sewer, purchased brass cross for altar, all at cost of over $550.

Omaha-Church of Our Redeemer.—Paid $1,800 on Church debt, and installed gas-steam radiators at cost of $115.

Omaha-St. Luke's.—Basement of Church remodeled at cost of $850, roof and spouting repaired. Parsonage contracted for at price of $5,500.

Ponca.—This charge has certainly taken on new life. New altar and pulpit of solid oak, a marble Baptismal font and a piano have been purchased during the past year. A new garage has been built for the pastor's use at a cost of $175. Pastor's salary has been increased $500 per annum. Congregation raised $3,000 to pay on new parsonage.

Potter.—A new garage built, which would cost over $500, and new altar and pulpit placed.

Sidney.—Paid about $700 on Church debt.

Stella.—Minor repairs on parsonage and new equipment for Sunday School, totaling about $50.

Paxton.—Paid $150 on Church debt.

Tekamah.—Parsonage was remodeled and modernized, and heater in Church was repaired, total cost over $2,500.

Verdon.—New generator for light plant purchased and parsonage exterior painted and interior refinished, costing about $200.

Walton.—Four-room parsonage purchased and fitted up for new pastor, at a cost of nearly $1,100.

West Point—Parsonage repaired and redecorated and combination coal and oil range installed, all costing $700, in addition to paying $400 on Church debt.

Three new congregations come to us with applications for admission to this Synod. One is the former German Nebraska congregation at Verdon, another is the former German Nebraska congregation at Fremont. Both of these at first severed their connection with the former Synod and then made motion to unite with ours. The third congregation is the newly organized Mission at South Sioux. After preliminary investigation of this field by Revs. Marohn and Guss and the President of Synod, it was decided to begin work there. Detailed report of this will be made by the Home Mission Committee.

Matters of General Interest.

In June, of this year, a cloudburst in the vicinity of Homer, Nebraska, resulted in a flood which resulted in considerable damage to property in that town, and our Church and parsonage had four feet of water in them, the Church being moved about a foot and the parsonage about 20 feet from their foundations. The piano was ruined, and the pews and other furniture badly damaged. Both Church and parsonage have been replaced on their foundations at a cost of about $1,000.

Office and Field Work.

We regret that the demands of our local parish have made it impracticable, many times, to be in some of the pastorates at critical times for conference and counsel with the officers and others.

We have had opportunity, during the year, to be at Stamford, Hendley, Bruning, Davenport, Eagle, Elmwood, Falls City, Ponca, Homer, South Sioux, Omaha, McCool Junction, York, Grand Island, in the interests of the Synod. There were requests from at least a dozen other points, but where it was impossible for me to go at the time requested.

During the year we have traveled 6,500 miles in an official capacity, and have written about 600 personal letters, besides about 1,500 circular communications.

And yet, in spite of all this, we realize that we have necessarily had to leave much undone which should have been done. It forces the conclusion that, in view of the added duties which are to be asked of the Presidents of the various Constituent Synods by the United Lutheran Church the time is near at hand when some radical changes must be made in the interest of administrative efficiency. It is manifestly unfair for Synod to ask a busy Pastor to undertake such additional responsibilities as call for time, thought, planning, energy, in the conduct of the work of this office, and as a result both the work of Synod and the work of the local parish of that Pastor must suffer, sometimes irretrievably. And, as we see it, the work for future Presidents will not be any lighter, if they are to consider the work seriously. The only thing that has made possible what has been accomplished has been a kindly spirit of patience and forbearance on the part of the local parish, together wtih a kindly

spirit of co-operation on the part of many of the brethren of the Synod in graciously responding to requests for assistance at stated times.

Recommendations.

1. That the names of the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Churches be printed in our minutes.

2. That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to send out monthly or quarterly remittance blanks to all Church Treasurers with the request to use same in remittance, same to be sent out at least 10 days before the end of the month or the quarter.

3. That retiring Pastors, officers of congregations, and any others shall not make arrangements for the supplying of vacant congregations, nor for the calling of a Pastor without first consulting the President of Synod.

4. That, in view of the increased expense attendant upon the coming Convention of the United Lutheran Church, there being no free entertainment of any kind, that provisions be made by this Synod for proper allowances on the expenses of delegates to the convention in the matter of room and board.

5. That this Synod approve of the perpetuation of the plan of a Conference of Synodical Presidents to meet annually at the call of the President of the United Lutheran Church.

6. That authority be granted to the Executive Committee of this Synod to approve and adopt the budget of the United Lutheran Church as adopted at the coming convention, and be given power to act with regard to apportionment which may be laid upon the Synod of Nebraska by the United Lutheran Church.

7. That this Synod approve of the Beneficence Campaign to be held Thanksgiving Week, in so far as it may be adapted to needs of congregations in this Synod.

8. That the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of Synod act as a permanent Claims Committee in the interim of Synod.

9. That we urge every Pastor to utilize every agency whereby THE LUTHERAN may be subscribed for and read by every family in our respective congregations.

10. That zealous effort be made to have those congregations still below the minimum salary for Pastors make provision at early date so that all the congregations may meet this none too high standard.

11. That, in view of the largely increased enrollment at Midland College during the past year, together with increased

effiency, that we make a special effort in our congregations to turn the attention of our youth to the advantages of this Christian educational center.

And now, with gratitude to the Heavenly Father that he has manifested His favor to the work of the Synod, and conscious of the mistakes of the past, with sincere thanks to those brethren of the Synod, whose gracious co-operation have made the work a little easier, I now return to you the office so kindly entrusted to me the past year, bespeaking for my successor your cordial and whole-hearted co-operation in the work of the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. B. LEWIS,
President.

EXHIBIT B.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Receipts.

Cash on hand last report	$ 3,361.87
Received for United Lutheran Church	12,038.28
Received for Synodical Treasury	1,393.72
Received for Synodical Missions	1,911.30
Received for Ministerial Education	1,273.91
Received for Tabitha Home	917.80
Received for Nachusa Home	623.88
Received for Seminary Contingent Fund	341.31
Received for Midland College	1,767.82
Received for Foreign Missions, specials	2,897.34
Received for National Lutheran Council	7,762.12
Total	$34,289.35

Disbursements.

Paid Treasurer of United Lutheran Church on appropriation	$12,038.28
Paid Treasurer of United Lutheran Church, special	2,897.34
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Council	7,762.12
Paid Treasurer of Midland College	1,767.82
Paid Treasurer of Synodical Missionary Com.	1,911.30
Paid Treasurer of Tabitha Home	917.80
Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Home	623.88
Paid Treasurer of Seminary Contingent Fund	341.31

Paid from Synodical Treasury:

W. H. Saeger	$ 9.12	
W. T. Kahse	4.72	
M. E. Bollinger	41.10	
Jos. H. Miller	39.91	
Chas. H. Lewis	185.24	
G. B. Weaver	14.00	
Luther Bright	4.24	
U. L. C. Publishing House	3.96	
A. A. Marohn	1.24	
Wm. I. Guss	15.94	
G. W. Livers	101.38	
M. A. Schmeid	32.00	
Chas. R. Lowe	36.83	
Hoyt & Akers	365.30	
Chas. Lierk	8.88	
E. W. Doering	4.32	
E. Bollman	16.00	
Ralph Ross	4.00	
Geo. Dorn	8.13	
Mrs. McNamara	7.50	
State Bank of Surprise	3.50	
C. F. Koch	4.33	
E. A. Van Fleet	9.80	
G. N. Mendenhall	21.00	
J. H. Fetterolf	9.97	
O. D. Baltzly	5.90	
Jno. Hershey	3.08	
S. H. Yerian	47.13	
R. A. White	1.26	
J. A. Johnson	2.52	
L. C. Smith Bros.	4.00	
Henry Sudman	10.65	
H. L. Greenawalt	5.50	
Elmer Kahl	7.50	
		$1,039.95

Paid from Missionary Reserve Fund:

Wm. T. Kahse	$ 174.72	
C. S. Powell	25.00	
O. W. Ebright	16.57	
C. Franklin Koch	12.75	
		229.04

Paid from Ministerial Fund:		
A. C. Henrickson	$ 150.00	
H. Stelk	150.00	
J. J. Raun	150.00	
E. C. Mortensen	150.00	
W. A. Young	150.00	
A. O. Frank	150.00	
		900.00
Cash on hand		3,860.51
Total		$34,289.35
Cash on hand as follows:		
Synodical Treasury	$ 1,244.83	
Ministerial Education	1,944.48	
Home Mission Reserve	671.20	
Total received on apportionment		$17,499.16
There is a deficit on apportionment		2,404.84
There is a deficit on U. L. C. budget		1,808.72
Fifteen Churches gave excess on apportionment		1,053.93
Seventeen Churches met apportionment in full		
Twenty Churches have a deficit of		3,647.66

The Churches that are pushing the Every Member Canvass are showing splendid results in increased offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. MILLER,
Treasurer.

EXHIBIT B-1—TREASURER'S EXHIBIT

	U. L. C.	Nebraska Synod	Special Objects	Totals	Excess on Apportionment	Deficit on Apportionment
Allen	$ 220.00	$ 96.00	$ 84.00	$ 400.00	$ 9.00	$
Auburn	118.00	72.00	124.50	314.50		77.00
Beatrice	278.00	86.00	267.75	631.75	2.00	
Benedict, Bethel	56.00	25.00	97.38	178.38		
Benedict, Zion	144.00	69.00	148.15	361.15		76.00
Benson	145.90	58.00	75.00	279.90	23.90	
Bruning	81.00	39.00	20.00	140.00		121.00
Dakota, Em	27.00	13.00		40.00		
Dakota, Zion	228.00	100.00		328.00	25.00	
Davenport	172.25	61.00	61.00	294.25		82.75
Eagle						128.00
Emerson	274.00	126.00	1,253.54	1,653.54	16.00	
Elmwood						104.00
Ericson	43.00	19.00	173.75	235.75		
Falls City	140.98	66.00	93.75	300.73		169.08
Grand Island	99.37	55.00	11.34	165.71		476.63
Gurley	70.00	41.00	52.50	163.50	46.00	
Hampton	138.00	73.33		211.33	18.33	
Hardy	157.00	70.00	71.50	298.50		
Hardy, Jewell	80.18	36.00	42.00	158.18	.18	
Homer						117.00
Hooper	215.00	95.00	43.00	353.00		
Lincoln	445.00	197.00	361.29	1,003.29		

Lewellen	96.00	42.00		138.00		
McCool Jct.						214.00
Nebraska City	53.25	20.00	147.21	220.46		219.75
North Platte	539.94	238.00	592.18	1,370.12	.94	
Oakland, Grace			82.05	82.05		
Oakland, St. Paul	123.00	54.00	43.60	220.60		
Omaha, Grace	262.00	113.00	234.12	609.12		324.00
Omaha, K. M.	5,812.04	1,759.00	1,875.88	9,446.92	1,832.04	
Omaha, St. Luke's	100.00	50.00	89.34	239.34		711.00
Omaha, St. Mark's	552.40	226.00	593.00	1,371.40	230.40	
Omaha, Redeemer	277.00	123.00	147.92	547.92	45.00	
Oshkosh	83.00	37.00		120.00		
Pawnee City	2.00	2.00	36.00	40.00		56.00
Paxton	127.00	70.00	113.00	310.00	14.00	
Ponca	194.00	86.00	210.20	490.20		
Potter						141.06
Rising City	210.00	93.00	2,077.00	2,380.00		
Sidney	42.00	47.00	55.00	144.00		66.00
Stamford, Em						81.00
Stamford, Trin.	41.00	20.00	46.50	107.50		
Stella	199.54	96.00	51.50	347.04	128.54	
Sutherland	60.00	27.00	75.00	162.00		40.00
Tekamah	96.00	42.00	328.10	466.10		
Walton	40.15	80.50	147.75	268.40		156.35
Wayne	291.00	157.00	250.00	698.00		100.00
West Point	1,025.98	457.05	807.79	2,290.82	509.03	
Wilber	76.00	34.00	90.60	200.60		
Wolbach	203.00	90.00	150.00	443.00		
York	105.00	46.00	25.41	176.41		
Peniel, Sidney	12.00		11.00	23.00		
Verdon	93.00	44.00	86.28	223.28		
Richard Mortensen			250.00	250.00		
Synod in session	20.74	10.00		30.74		
Totals	$13,869.72	$5,460.88	$11,596.88	$30,927.48	$2,885.36	$3,647.66

October 4, 1920.

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

I have carefully audited the books and records of Jos. H. Miller, Treasurer, and find same to be correct in every detail. I find balance in bank to credit of Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska to be $13,342.54. Balance shown by Treasurer's books, $3,860.51. Checks outstanding, $9,482.03. Total, $13,342.54.

Yours respectfully,

R. P. ROSS,
Cashier.

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Index Number	Pastor	Parish	Church	Membership: When Organized	Churches	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Accessions: Infant Baptism	Adult Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Otherwise	Losses: Death	Certificate	Exclusion	Otherwise	Students: Catechumens	Ministry	In Lutheran Institutions	In Non-Luth. Institutions	Church Societies: MEN'S Number	MEN'S Members	WOMEN'S Number	WOMEN'S Members	YOUNG Number	YOUNG Members
1	Livers, G. W.	*Allen	First	1912	1	200	131	130	8		9	6			1		12	9		2	1	1	25	2	70	1	
2	Bollinger, M. E.	*Auburn	St. Pauls	1884	1	138	109	72	2	2	8	1			6		10	12			1			1	6	1	
3	Weaver, G. B.	*Beatrice	Trinity	1883	1	261	209	152	9	3	10	3	5	1	5	11		16		1	1			3	79	1	
4	Bollman, E.	*Benedict	Zion	1880	1	127	125	85	3	1	6			3			11			1				1			
5			Bethel		1	45	35	25	3		1																
6	Machetzki, Paul, Supply.	Bruning	First. Eng.	1909	1	95	94	60	2	1	8			2	1		14	9						1	20	1	
7	Lowe, C. R.	Dakota City	Emanual	1861	1	300	27							2			2							1	8		
8		*Dakota City	Salem	1885	1	143	121	60	6				1	2	2		8				8			1	60		
9	Hoffman, Wm.	*Davenport	Christ.	1892	1	241	137	75	4		1			1				5						1	23	1	
10	Vacant	Eagle	Trinity		1	70	62																				
11	Vacant	Elmwood	Eng. Luth.		1	45	40																				
12	Lewis, C. H. B.	*Emerson	St. Luke's	1911	1	258	194	138	7	1	21	11	8	1	6			30	1	3				1	27	1	
13	Ries, Lauritz	*Falls City	St. Paul's		1	378	176		6		14	7			2			18						1	34	1	
14	Vacant	*Grand Island	St. Paul's	1882	1	450	297	189	3															1	20	1	
15	Vacant	Hampton	Emmanual	1916	1	100	93	70	5		4													1	31		
16	Livers, R. W.	*Hardy	St. Paul's	1881	1	106	71	51	2	2		7	1	2	2		40	4			1	1	15	3	55	1	
17			Jewell	1872	1	38	28	26	2						5		15							1	52		
18	Vacant	Homer	St. Paul's	1886	1	70	68														4			1	16		
19		Hubbard	Trinity	1909	1																						
20	De Freese, K.	Hooper	Grace	1915	1	200	182	118	11	1	8	12					3	11		1		1	24	2	9	2	
21	Badger, R. M.	Lincoln	Grace	1890	1	468	280	215	15	3	17	15	1	4	10		3	20		5	15	1	25	3	87	5	
22	Vacant	*McCool Junction	First		1	150	92																				
23	Bright, W. L.	*Nebraska City	Eng. Luth.	1866	1	176	157	95	11	5	7	4	11		2		2	7			2			1	36	1	
24	Koch, C. F.	*North Platte	First.	1881	1	595	209	243	27	2	35	18	1	5	8			50		4	4	1	50	2	125	2	
25	Krueger, J. F. Supply	Oakland	St. Paul's	1915	1	119	60	50	2								10	12		2				1	21	1	
26	Cheright, O. W.	Omaha	First. Benson	1907	1	125	113	86	13	1	22	8	2	2	5		3	26		1				2	25	1	
27	Shirck, Fred R.	*Omaha	Grace	1889	1	372	365	188	12		11	20	2	1	15			16	2	1	1	1	8	3	40	1	
28	Baltzly, O. D.	Omaha	Koenig's Memorial	1857	1	3712	3120	1968	190	65	162	81	153	12	40	20	44	350	1	2	25	1	145	3	200	2	
29	Dorn, Geo., Associate																										
30	Harman, C. B.	Omaha	Our Redeemer	1917	1	315	165	160	16	6	15	19	6		14		7			1		1	25	1	44	1	
31	Walthon, A. K.	Omaha	St. Luke's	1905	1	640	200			2	37	4	7	3	26		233	40				1	15	3	37	1	
32	Guss, W. I.	*Omaha	St. Mark's	1886	1	337	290	209	13	4	7	22	12	3	11		5	15	1	2	14	1	32	2	51	1	
33	Helms, B. A.	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1906	1	65	54	20				3			1			22						1	45		
34		Lavellen	Grace	1906	1	100	55																				
35	Vacant	*Pawnee City	Zion		1	35	25																				
36	Greenawalt, H. L.	*Paxton	Trinity	1902	1	110	85	64	3			3	1	1			4	7		4				1	29		
37		Sutherland	Grace	1905	1	59	43	30	4					1			14				1			1	13		
38	Marohn, A. A.	*Ponca	Zion	1871	1	247	219	145	36	3	40	1	35	1	3			44			3			1	60		
39	Saeger, H. W.	*Potter	First	1892	1	68	58	22	1		8		4				26	8						1	35		
40	Kink, W. A.	*Rising City	First		1	125	88	73	2				1		1		35			1	1			1	45		
41	Vacant	*Sidney	Trinity	1886	1	165	74	42			1			1										1	25		
42		Gurley	Grace	1916	1	53	32	25	5	3	3	1						7						1	30		
43	Vacant	*Stamford	Trinity		1	165	124	50							2					1							
44			Emanuel		1	72	36	25	2				4	1												1	
45	Hershey, J. C.	*Stella	Trinity	1884	1	90	74	54	8	2		2					2				1			2	42		
46	Utech, J. H.	*Tekamah	Emanuel	1879	1	87	56	45		2			3	2	1			4			1			2	16	1	
47	Raun, J. J.	Walton	Grace	1916	1	151	113	77	4		1			1		10		15		2	1	1	18	2	25		
48	Petterolf, J. H.	*Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	1	324	236	176	11		16	7	2	1	8		5	11		1	6	1	7	2	62	1	
49	Rangeler, W. F.	*West Point	Grace	1874	1	550	450	343	25	9	45	16		2	7		38	39		2	6	1	25	3	85	3	
50	Mortensen, E. C.	*Wilber	First.	1889	1	152	46	36	3	3	2	1	1				5	2			3			2	25	1	
51	White, R. A.	Wolbach	Trinity	1903	1	167	116	78	13	3	4				8		4	20		6				2	31	1	
52		Ericson	First	1896	1	33	24	23	4						1			7		1							
53	Powell, C. S.	*York	First		1	90	88	70	3		8	1			3				1	1				1	20	1	
	Total, 1920				52	12590	9560	5853	497	127	523	265	261	50	193	41	554	836	6	51	109	13	414	66	1764	36	
	Total, 1919				33	12439	9209		421	129	368	263	234	96	167		349	895	6			10	363			29	
	Increase					154	351		76		155	62	27		26		205					3	51			7	
	Decrease				1					2				46				59									

*Other week day schools, 1; teachers, 1; scholars, 16.

ASKA SYNOD, G. B. Weaver, Statistician

FINANCE

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EXHIBIT C1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The name of Grace, Oakland, was omitted from the Parochial report.

All Churches that fail to send in a Parochial report next year shall be placed at the bottom of the list.

I recommend that all the Pastors of the Synod assist the Treasurers of the congregations in sending benevolences to the Treasurer of the Synod, so that the Parochial reports can be filled out correctly in the United Lutheran Church and the Pastor send claims to the Statistical Secretary.

G. B. WEAVER,
Statistician.

EXHIBIT D.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

Your Historian Reports as Follows:

The clerical roll and card index have been kept complete to date. They show that there have been 313 accessions to the membership of the Synod since its organization.

During the year, the losses of our Ministers exceeded our gains. There was one death, one voluntarily demitted the Ministry and nine were dismissed to other Synods, making eleven losses. Two were received by licensure and three by letter, leaving us a net loss of six from our clerical roll.

Next year, 1921, will be our fiftieth anniversary. The Synod should make ample provision for its worthy celebration at our next convention. A committee of Ministers was appointed to take this matter into consideration, who, no doubt, will do their whole duty.

As the Historian has been at no expense, except a trifle for postage, he presents no bill.

R. A. WHITE,
Historian.

EXHIBIT E.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Your Secretary was instructed to get two new copies of "The Occasional Services." This was done. We have them.

The Secretary was instructed to correspond with the several

boards concerning the publication of brochures, written by certain men of the Synod. I corresponded with several of them and they referred him to various committees and organizations which used that sort of manuscripts. Your Secretary never found out who any of the "certain men" were and as no manuscripts appeared, we did not do anything further.

C. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

EXHIBIT F.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

President's Report: C. F. Koch, A. A. Marohn, Roy M. Badger, C. F. Overbeck.

New Congregations: C. S. Powell, M. E. Bollinger, L. M. Kuhus, H. A. Thielke.

North Platte Conference: Wm. Hoffman, R. A. Helms, J. A. Lieser.

South Platte Conference: Elmer Kahl, E. C. Mortensen, J. F. Smith.

Excuses and Leave of Absence: J. H. Utesch, J. J. Raun, Henry Pederson.

Apportionment: O. W. Ebright, J. H. Fetterolf, J. H. Petring.

Vacancies: E. Bollman, Wm. A. Klink, Fred Voss.

Letters and Papers: G. B. Weaver, R. W. Livers, Wm. Tegtmyer, C. B. Harman.

Resolutions: W. L. Bright, R. A. White, M. G. Leamer, Geo. Dorn, Fred Kaliss.

Calendar: W. I. Guss, R. W. Livers, O. D. Baltzly, Dr. O. H. Cressler.

Claims: Dr. J. H. Miller, F. R. Shirck, C. W. Johnson.

EXHIBIT G

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

It becomes the duty of your Committee to condense the thirty-one reports from as many Pastors, which are supposed to convey to this body the material and spiritual condition of the congregations which make up the Synod. Despite the evidence of discouragement in certain quarters, the general tone of the reports indicate progress.

There is a faithfulness on the part of Pastors to the administration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as well as Catechetical instruction, with a degree of loyalty on the part of members and parents. Diligence on the part of Pastors is commendable and bears fruit.

The lack of definite knowledge in regard to the establishment of family altars within the homes of the Church results in an indefinite answer to this question. One answer is suggestive to the Committee and is as follows: "To our observation no student for the Gospel Ministry ever comes from a home where there is no family altar."

With four exceptions we do not find regular mid-week prayer meetings conducted—and these are poorly attended. Special effort is made during Lent and especially Holy Week to bring to the congregations the seasonal blessings. The Societies of young people are reported as most helpful as well as the Brotherhoods where such are existent. Missionary Societies deepen the spiritual life and enlarge the outward vision for those congregations having such. Pastors are recognizing the great significance of the Sunday School and the need of having it up-to-date. Our Lutheran Literature is very widely used in the Sunday Schools, but a variety or reports as to subscribers to the Lutheran and its benefits causes speculation.

The bi-pocket envelope for weekly contributions is coming into more general use, and in every instance is helping the Church finances. It is also helping to develop the spirit of benevolence and increasing the gifts along that line. The old arbitrary system of apportionment must be overcome and this, in part, seems to be the solution.

The primary duty of Church attendance is of more than passing importance. Where there is an honest effort and faithfulness to pastoral duties, there is no complaint as to the morning attendance. The general use of the auto causes the attendance to fluctuate according to road and weather conditions and the noticeable number of inclement Sundays during the Easter season just passed has made a marked effect in many reports. There is no inclination indicated by those who have small evening attendance to abandon this service and concentrate all energy upon the morning hour.

In general we see much in these reports to encourage. The discouragements and difficulties are but a challenge to greater achievement. We are humbled by the failures, but encouraged

by the divine call to duty and the knowledge that a sacred trust is reposed in us. "We look unto the hills from whence cometh our help," and under the Father's inspiration and guidance we press on to the sowing of another year, leaving the harvest to Him who sends the sunshine and rain, to whom the spiritual garner alone remains.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH W. LIVERS,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT H.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCES.

During the year the Committee has distributed the literature furnished by the Laymen's Missionary movement for the Churches, for the furthering of the benevolent operations of the Church at large.

The movement of the Laymen has been variously received by the Pastors and thereby the congregation. Some have paid little attention to the move. There have been about twenty-six congregations which responded. Little worth was given to the matter of the simultaneous effort throughout the Synod, even when the weather did permit it. The November weather was bad for the work last fall, it is very true, and the heads of the Laymen's movement have thought to have the canvass earlier, and some were not ready at the specified time. The move came after most of the arrangements by the brethren had been made, and that interferred with the smooth going of the Laymen's drive.

The Chairman visited several of the congregations in November in behalf of the Laymen's Misisonary meeting.

The central office of the movement has in mind for Nebraska an earlier date for the simultaneous canvass because of weather conditions. It could not be arranged for this year.

We recommend that inasmuch as the Laymen's Missionary Movement is to be a permanent fixture that the congregations try as much as possible to fall in line with their program.

C. R. LOWE,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT I.

REPORT OF NECROLOGY COMMITTEE.

Your Necrology Committee Reports as Follows:

1. On October 25, 1919, our beloved Brother, Dr. L. Groh, was called to his eternal reward. Dr. Groh was born in Lebanon County, Pa., August 18, 1833. He was of Lutheran parentage, consecrated in Baptism when a child and confirmed in youth. He studied at Gettysburg in both the College and Theological Seminary. He received his degree of D. D. from Susquehanna University. He had the distinction of being in the active pastorate more than fifty years, forty-six of which were in two pastorates, Boyertown, Pa., twenty-five years, and St. Mark's, Omaha, twenty-one years.

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. Groh, the Synod has lost a devoted Pastor, a wise councellor, and a man of consecrated upright character.

Resolved, That the Synod hereby tenders to the surviving relatives its sincere sympathies and prayers, and that the Secretary of Synod be authorized to furnish them a copy of this action.

2. During the year the devoted wife of Rev. Dr. S. H. Yerian passed away at their home in Omaha.

Resolved, That the sympathies of the Synod be extended to our stricken brother and family, and that the Secretary of Synod be authorized to so inform them.

Resolved, That this report be adopted by the rising vote, while the President of Synod leads in prayer.

R. A. WHITE.

EXHIBIT J.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Three congregations knock at the door of our Synod for admission to membership. One is the new congregation at South Sioux City. Two are congregations formerly belonging to the German Nebraska Synod, regularly dismissed to our Synod. Your Committee has investigated the constitutions and applications of these congregations and find the proceedings regular and satisfactory, and we recommend that the Churches of the Redeemer of South Sioux City, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church at

Verdon, and Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church at Fremont be received by our Synod as members of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. POWELL.

EXHIBIT K.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES TO TABITHA HOME.

Brethren:

Tabitha Home has sheltered ninety-two the past year. At present there are eighty-one in the Home. Thirty-eight are children and forty-three are aged and helpless. Among these forty-three, four are blind, one deaf and dumb, four helpless and several others in need of much care on account of their infirmity. Every room and every bed is occupied. Seven aged have gone home to Glory, but immediately their places were taken by those from the long waiting list. Again we say that the great need of Tabitha is a separate building for the children. Will you not help us soon to make this possible?

Only a few of the aged are able to do any work. One old man helps with the live stock, two in the garden, one collects provisions from our Churches over the state. Another helps Sister Eva with the helpless men. And some of the women do sewing, mending, rug making, and preparing vegetables. Two of the blind men have learned broom making in the State School for the Blind, and are busy in the shed turning out excellent brooms at the rate of several dozen a week. Ladies' Aids and Business Men of Church may help by ordering their brooms from Tabitha.

The repairs and improvements that had to be made were of necessity higher this year than that of any year. A smoke stack cost $600.00. Expense for the heating plant was in the neighborhood of $1,100.00. The old well giving out, a new one had to be drilled and equipment provided for same in case of fire brought another debt of $2,000.00 which you may help to wipe out by sending to Superintendent Walter any loving gift in the Master's name for that purpose. God has ever been with Tabitha. All debts resting upon the Home have been paid this past year. Through certain bequests this was made possible. "We Praise Thee, O God."

We come asking not only that a way be suggested and made possible whereby a new building may be provided. To house adequately this household of 95 to 100 people, but also

we ask that the support from Nebraska Synod be continued for this new year, as satisfactory plans have not yet been fully arranged by the United Lutheran Church. You have helped to care for the aged and helpless and orphaned at Tabitha to the extent of $917.80, as the Treasurer's books show. Tabitha Home is indeed grateful for this evidence that you love to care for Christ's "Little Ones." If it be possible, let your gifts of love and sacrifice be even greater this year.

The loving service of the Sisters and their consecrated helpers deserve our highest support. The Superintendent, Rev. Ernest Walter, has been faithful and untiring even amid burdens, sickness and sorrow. His only son, Theodore, was taken Home by the great Father of us all, and Theodore's father rises from this sorrow to do even more for the helpless because he takes Jesus at His word. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

Contributions received at the Home from friends and congregations, Sunday Schools and Societies during past year (Synodical)	$ 381.45
Canned fruit and vegetables, 674 quarts	337.00
Eggs, four cases	48.00
Grain and other provisions	175.00
Fourteen shipments of clothing, consisting of new and worn clothing	185.00
New suits and dresses for the children and new articles of wearing apparel for the old folks from Kountze Memorial Church at Omaha	275.00
Total	$1,401.45

Submitted,
J. H. HUMPE,
R. M. BADGER.

EXHIBIT L.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF PAPERS AND LETTERS.

We received a letter from Dr. Reed, the Archivest of the United Lutheran Church, in regard to documentary material of Synod.

We recommend that Synod request the Western Seminary to keep this material for Synod.

The following paper has come into our hands:

Paxton, Neb.
October 2, 1920.

Action of Paxton Church Council:

Moved and seconded that Paxton Congregation assume support of Pastor beginning January 1, 1921, or as soon thereafter as the Synod can supply Sutherland Church and that this action be reported to our Synod.

Sunday morning, October 3, the above was adopted at a congregational meeting of the Paxton Lutheran Church.

H. L. GREENAWALT.

We recommend that a committee, consisting of Rev. C. F. Koch, J. E. Sebastian and Rev. W. T. Kahse, be appointed to adjust this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER,

Chairman.

EXHIBIT M.

REPORT OF ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE.

The two items were referred to this committee during the year for adjudication:

First: The better provision for English service at Norfolk.

Second: The resumption of English service with the view of organizing an English Lutheran Church at Wisner.

Your committee met with the corresponding committee of the German Nebraska Synod and concerning the first item we suggested to them that they endeavor to secure a better position for English services in their Church in Norfolk which, if provided, we would deem a sufficient establishment of English services and would not consider the organization of a new English congregation. Their committee reported after investigation that it was not within their province to interfere with the services of a congregation that was satisfied with its Pastor and the services he was providing. They accordingly agreed that they would not object to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska establishing an English congregation, requesting only that it should not be placed in the immediate vicinity of their Church

With regard to the Wisner situation they reported that a new German Nebraska Synod Pastor had recently taken charge of the Church at that place and that he was introducing English services; that he had an English Sunday School and that they believed it would only be fair to let him have a chance at caring for the English work in Wisner. The proposal seemed fair and

was accepted. Your committee, however, reserved the privilege of reopening this question whenever its three members deemed it advisable to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
O. D. BALTZLY.

EXHIBIT N.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

Your committees have finished the examination of Rev. Ernest Christopher Mortensen and Rev. James Jensen Raun, who were licensed one year ago, and have found them to have a very satisfactory understanding of the Lutheran doctrines, faith and practice, and recommend their ordination to the office of the Holy Minister by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
O. D. BALTZLY.

EXHIBIT O.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee has examined the report of the President, Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, submitted by him to this body covering his work as President for the past year. We hereby wish to commend the careful and faithful manner in which he has performed all the regular and special duties devolving upon him. In regard to the recommendations made by him in his report, your committee would recommend the following action:

That items 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 be adopted as presented.

Second: In regard to the matter of remittance blanks to be sent by the Treasurer of Synod to all Church Treasurers, we recommend that they be sent out quarterly.

Third: We recommend that delegates to the coming convention of the United Lutheran Church be allowed the sum of $4.00 per day for room and board, same to cover also the necessary time of travel to Washington and return home.

Fourth: That the President of Synod be authorized to notify all Church Councils, where the present salary is below the Synodical minimum, that zealous efforts must be made immediately by such Church Councils to reach at least the minimum salary standard.

Respectfully submitted,
C. FRANKLIN KOCH.

EXHIBIT P.

COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MEETING.

In view of the facts that the work of this committee naturally overlaps that of the Committee on Benevolence and also that special emphasis was laid upon the Every Member Canvasses by the National Headquarters, your committee has nothing to report in the line of work done the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
C. FRANKLIN KOCH.

EXHIBIT Q.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVES.

Your committee appointed to look up the Archives of Synod would report that this matter was disposed of by a former committee who reported some important documents and papers as being in the hands of the various offices of the Synod. See minutes of 1913 convention, page 40.

This committee recommended the destroying of all useless papers and keeping the rest in a safe in Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha.

Inasmuch as the recommendation was not complied with, we recommend that the officers of Synod be authorized to secure a place at Midland College for keeping important papers of the Synod.

R. A. WHITE.

EXHIBIT R.

REPORT OF ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE.

We recommend that a Fiftieth Anniversary service be held next session of Synod, the time to be set by the Executive Committee and the service be arranged by the Anniversary Committee.

Submitted,
C. B. HARMAN.

EXHIBIT S.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES OF THE SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE.

Your committee to examine the minutes of South Platte Con-

ference find that the minutes are not here. The Secretary assures us that there is nothing therein requiring the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
ELMER KAHL,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT T.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

As we come together once more to review the work accomplished in this department of our Church life, we wonder if all our Pastors have realized the latent power that lies in this mighty agent, The Young People's Society. The thought of it fills us with wonder and awe. When we look into the future with this thought in mind it opens up a vista so far reaching, an avenue so crossed and intersected with branching paths to endless fields of Christian activity, that imagination cannot follow. Let us imagine the effect on the Church when all these trained workers assume the full responsibility of mature manhood and womanhood, when the young people of the Church become members of our Church Councils and our Missionary Societies. Our Churches are destined to grow in numbers and efficiency as these trained workers will take their places in the higher offices of the Church.

Activity.

At the request of the President of Synod a circular letter was mailed to all Young People's Societies asking them to aid in the World Service Campaign of the National Lutheran Council. Literature was sent to all Churches that have no Young People's Society, urging them to organize one. We are grateful to report seven new societies and a total increase in membership of 203.

Recommendations.

First: That Synod authorize a card index file so that this office may have a permanent record of all societies.

Second: In view of the fact that the Luther League will probably become the officially recognized Young People's Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, that recognition be given to this office by the State League of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE DORN,
Secretary.

EXHIBIT U.

NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE.

Your committee beg to report that owing to our inability to secure the minutes of the North Platte Conference, resulting from the absence of the Secretary, there is nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HOFFMANN,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT V.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES.

Your Committee on Vacancies would beg leave to report as follows:

The Churches at Eagle and Elmwood have been without pastoral care for about a year. We recommend that an investigation be made to find out whether it is possible to unite these two charges. There is a field here and the work should not be overlooked.

Homer has repaired the damage done by the flood, and is in position to take up regular work. We regard the condition, we would say, the outlook at present is not very good.

Hampton is making a provision for the calling of a Pastor.

McCool Junction seems to be perfectly satisfied with its state of lethargy. We, as a committee, recommend that one with official authority be sent there to see what can be done to revive them, and see that a Pastor is called.

Bruning is being supplied. We suggest that they be urged to call a regular Pastor. For it has been proven that good substantial work cannot be done unless there be a man on the field.

Potter is vacant and the committee suggests that this congregation be urged to call a Pastor.

The condition of Pawnee City does not warrant anything being done.

Hooper will be vacant November 1st, but is well able to take care of herself.

Sidney and Gurley are vacant and need care.

Signed,

E. BOLLMAN.

EXHIBIT W.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE.

The Board of Trustees of Midland College met in annual session on Tuesday, June 2, 1920, in Fremont, Neb. All six of the Board from the Nebraska Synod were present. All the Synods except the Rocky Mountain were well represented. This was the first meeting in the new location. Proper and legal steps were taken to incorporate in the State of Nebraska, and the conditions were met. The number of Trustees was increased to 35.

Mr. Abbott, of Fremont, who worked incessantly for the removal of the College and who has done such splendid service for the College since its removal is now a member of the Board. He and Dr. Stauffer had the business so well outlined that the Board was able to transact a large amount of business in the allotted time.

The attendance reached 471 in all departments. The Summer school has an enrollment of 226, making a total of 697 for the year. With such a record we feel that no mistake was made in the removal of the College. In the Seminary there were 15, in the College 99, in the Academy 59, in the Commercial Department 191. These figures assure us that we have a College in Fremont, Neb., that appeals to the people.

Dr. Stauffer had a tremendous task on his shoulders to get the buildings ready and the library, professors, laboratories, etc., removed to Fremont in time for the opening in September, 1919. But the work was accomplished. The people of Fremont were kind enough to release the workmen and told them to work at the College. The Board and Synods appreciate such interest and loyalty. Some changes and repairs were made in the old buildings. The new Science Hall was not fully equipped as it will be.

The property at Atchison, Kan., has been disposed of for the sum of $41,000. As nothing of the College is left there our undivided attention can be given to building up a splendid College at Fremont.

There was a corps of splendid instructors during the past year. There are a few losses in the teaching staff this coming year, of which the most noticeable is the resignation of Prof. Cline, who has been so efficient in the class room and of so much influence among the students in the high standard of loyalty to our College and Christian character. We are glad to re-

port that the Executive Committee has been able to secure his successor. There is also a new professor in chemistry. This will be a wonderful help to Prof. Crouse, whose work was entirely too heavy.

The professors were granted a substantial increase in salary. There is also a slight increase in tuition. This, with the larger student body, will almost meet the additional expense in salaries. Midland is now paying her professors as well as any of our Lutheran Colleges.

One of the greatest needs right now is a building for the Western Theological Seminary. The Board approved the plan of raising $100,000 for the Memorial Seminary building. The Board authorized the Executive Committee to proceed with the building as soon as the amount was pledged. A little more than half of this is now in sight.

Action was also taken in regard to the erection of a gymnasium as soon as the funds were available. As the subscriptions made last year come in it is thought this building will soon be seen on the campus.

Although Midland College is making such good progress, there is yet much work to be done. The needs are as pronounced as ever. As great tasks are accomplished, greater ones meet us. There is a three-fold need; students, building and endowment. Students are an essential part of the College. Midland is getting a splendid student body, but we cannot be satisfied till there are more. Equipment is a necessity. Buildings and laboracories are needed. As we work for students we must care for them and have the best instructors. We are succeeding in this respect, but we have not reached the goal. We cannot have the buildings and professors that are needed without a large endowment fund. This is increasing, but it is not yet large enough. Although the sum of $435,000 has been secured for the College and Seminary, in cash and pledges, since the removal, the endowment is not increased enough thereby. We will not have proper recognition in the North Central Association of Colleges without a large endowment. We owe it to our graduates to have the proper rating in the educational world. With such a good start at Fremont we must push on and achieve a great victory in Christian education.

The manner in which Midland was received by the Colleges of the State of Nebraska is a matter of deep appreciation. In athletics, oratory and debate our students have been most hear-

tily welcomed and they have made creditable records this first year. Our professors have also been welcomed to the teaching force of educators of the State.

The Board also approved the plan of Dr. Stauffer in his plan for the inaugural of Prof. Klotsche and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Western Seminary on November 16. The College has opened with about seventy-five more than a year ago.

We would recommend that this Synod pledge a new hearty and loyal support to Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary; and that all our Pastors agree to preach fervently, pray earnestly and labor diligently for Christian education, to turn students and men of means to our institution.

G. B. WEAVER.

EXHIBIT X.

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

Your Committee Submits the Following Report:

Our Treasurer will apportion the Synodical funds as follows:

Synodical Treasury, 35 per cent; Synodical Missions, 33 per cent; Ministerial Education, 15 per cent; Tabitha Home, 6 per cent; Nachusa Home, 6 per cent; Seminary Contingent Fund, 5 per cent.

The following apportionment has been made considering the average of confirmed and communing members and the desired 20 per cent increase in the United Lutheran Church apportionment:

	United Treasury	Synodical Treasury
Allen	270	126
Auburn	205	96
Beatrice	398	186
Benedict—		
Zion	225	105
Bethel	64	30
Bruning	165	77
Dakota City—		
Emanuel	58	27
Salem	205	96
Omaha—		
Benson	214	100
Grace	593	277
Kountze Mem.	5,444	2,544
Our Redeemer	349	163
St. Luke's	428	200
St. Mark's	541	253
Oshkosh	79	37
Lewellen	118	55
Pawnee City	54	25

Davenport	227	106	Sutherland	79	37
Eagle	133	62	Ponca	389	182
Elmwood	86	40	Potter	86	40
Emerson	355	166	Rising City	175	82
Falls City	377	176	Sidney	124	58
Grand Island	520	243	Gurley	60	28
Hampton	175	82	Stamford—		
Hardy—			Trinity	186	87
St. Paul's	131	61	Emanuel	75	35
Jewell	58	27	Stella	137	64
Homer	146	68	Tekemah	109	51
Hubbard	----	----	Walton	193	95
Hooper	321	150	Wayne	462	216
Lincoln	552	258	West Point	840	397
McCool Jct.	187	92	Wilbur	88	41
Nebraska City	270	126	Wolbach	198	97
North Platte	687	321	Ericson	51	24
Oakland	118	55	York	168	79
Paxton	158	74			

Respectfully,
O. W. EBRIGHT,

EXHIBIT Y.

REPORT ON THE NACHUSA LUTHERAN ORPHANAGE, 1919-1920.

The past year has been one of blessing at the Nachusa Orphanage. The health of children and employes has been preserved, and finances have prospered. We have had the great joy of paying off the last dollar of the old debt, the funds for that purpose having been provided by the Synod of Kansas. All other Synods, however, may claim a part in the good work, for if their contributions had not been liberal we would have had to use the gifts from Kansas for current expenses, and their purpose would not have been accomplished.

There are 32 children in the Home at present, 14 girls and 18 boys. We are still refusing applications at the rate of more than one each week. We have refused over 300 during the past five years. This fact should stimulate all our friends to do all in their power to enable us to provide larger quarters, that these needy little ones may be cared for.

There were four graduates from our grade school last spring.

We have six in high school at present, two of our graduates attending Carthage College, and one graduated from Wittenberg College last spring with high honors. Religious instruction is given throughout the year. One of our boys has definitely decided to prepare for the Gospel Ministry, and another has the same course under consideration.

The farm has been operated this year by the boys, directed to some extent by the Superintendent. The returns are excellent, and we plan to follow the same course next year. We are greatly in need of a silo, and hope that means may soon be provided for its erection. Since our debt is paid we are using all receipts that remain after paying current expenses in repairing and improving the property. Decorators are now at work painting inside and out, new floors are being laid, the furnace is to be improved by adding to its capacity, and some rooms that were never finished are being completed. The total cost will be about $2,500. We trust that our income may be increased sufficiently to enable us to make prompt payment for this work, as it is all absolutely necessary, and much of it should have been attended to long ago.

There are but four employes, in addition to the teacher, doing the entire work of the Home. We have formerly had six, which means that these four are heavily burdened.

During the past year Jacob George and wife, of North Liberty, Ia., gave $2,000 as a memorial to a beloved daughter, and Jesse Ham, Davenport, Ia., gave $500 in memory of his sainted wife. Both sums are to be used in the erection of a new cottage. We received $300 from the estate of the late Anson Thummel, Sterling, Ill., which was designated as endowment, thus making a beginning along that line. May many others follow the excellent example of these good stewards.

We commend this Synod for its deep interest and liberal support during the past year, and we are confident that it will not fail us in the future.

Expenditures for the past year:

Salaries	$ 2,803.00
Current Expenses	11,411.00
Debt and Interest	1,158.00
Improvements	389.00
Total	$16,461.00

Assets of the Orphanage:

Grounds	$15,000.00
Buildings	23,000.00
Equipment	2,200.00
Endowment	300.00
Total	$40,500.00

E. BOLLMAN.

EXHIBIT Y-1.

DIRECTOR OF NACHUSA LUTHERAN ORPHANAGE REPORT

The last year has been a very successful one for the Nachusa Orphanage, for which we are thankful to God.

I attended the meeting of the Board of Directors last November and Rev. J. A. McCullough gave a very good report of the work that had been accomplished and suggested plans for the coming year.

The Board increased the Superintendent's salary $200.00 per year. The salaries of some of the helpers were increased.

The Board also voted to have the floors repaired, as they were badly worn and to have other necessary repairs made.

Rev. McCullough's report, which is embodied in this report, is very encouraging. There is a bright outlook for Nachusa.

The amount given by the Nebraska Synod during the years 1919 and 1920 was $623.88, or a decrease over last year of $44.00.

E. BOLLMAN.

EXHIBIT Z.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

The past year has seen some advances in the work in some fields, although we are willing to confess that owing to other Synodical official duties, we have not been able to spend much time on this important work.

The most distressing feature about the situation is that while there are two more schools, there has been a decrease of 74 officers and teachers and a decrease of 300 pupils, while the schools reporting show a gain of 28 in the Cradle Roll and a loss of 79 in the Home Department. In view of the fact that the future Church is at present in the Sunday School, it would seem to call for some serious attention on the part of Pastors and Church officers so that disgraceful decreases may not be again reported.

In going over the records we find the Cradle Roll numbering 50 and more in Omaha-Kountze Memorial 110, Omaha-Church of the Redeemer 55, Emerson 65, Gurley 50. Home Departments of 50 or more are found at North Platte 60, and Emerson 180.

Thirteen reports have not yet been received, hence the inability to make a complete report. This neglect of attending to courteous requests for data makes the work decidedly unsatisfactory.

Seven more schools have adopted the plan of having Monthly Workers' Conferences, but there have been no increases in the number of Teacher Training Classes.

We wish to have special emphasis laid upon the Workers' Conferences and Teacher Training Classes, inasmuch as these two features are practically central in the administration. We know from experience that when Workers' Conferences are made a regular part of the administrative program that many of the problems are solved because of this central feature of the work being properly considered.

We have read Teacher Training examination papers from St. Mark's Church, Verdon, St. Luke's, Emerson, Scribner and Sidney-Gurley during the year.

We were privileged to appear before the Students-Pastors Conference at Fremont in April in the interests of general Sunday School work, also in a week at the Lutheran Summer Assembly at Dixon, Ill. No definite conferences have been held in individual congregations.

C. H. LEWIS,
Synodical S. S. Secretary.

EXHIBIT AA.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Our Synod has kept up to its past record in helping young men in their preparation for the Gospel Ministry. Six young men have received aid this year; three in the Seminary and three in the College.

Rev. A. C. Henriksen, who had been in the Ministry in the Norwegian Lutheran Church for a few years desired to come into the United Lutheran Church. He felt the need of a year's work in the English language, and was advised to spend the year in our Western Seminary. After receiving splendid recommendations from Dr. Baltzly and Dr. Dysinger, the committee granted him the same amount as had been given to the others.

Ernest C. Mortensen and James J. Raun have both finished their work in school and are in the active work in our Synod. They come to Synod for ordination.

Alfred Frank has completed his College work and is now a Junior in the Seminary. Alfred Young is a Junior in College and Herman Stelk is a special student. These young men have a good record in their school work.

The following have made application for another year: Alfred Frank, Alfred Young, Walter Voss and Lawrence Mortensen. We recommend that Alfred Frank be granted $200.00 and Alfred Young, Walter Voss, and Lawrence Mortensen each be granted $175 for the year.

We have received word that Henry Gumler, Erich Lushei and Henry Restau needed help. We recommend that each one be granted $175 per year, providing their applications be satisfactory to the committee.

Your committee has done quite a little correspondence to get in touch with some who received aid for a year or two and then for some reason gave up the Ministry. In such cases we have made an effort to collect. One young man, Richard Mortensen, has returned his full amount of $250.00, but not the interest. Another one has promised to do so this year. It will require more urging to collect from the others.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER,

EXHIBIT AB.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES AND ABSENTEES.

We recommend that the following Pastors or Lay Delegates be excused from the entire session of the Synod:

W. F. Eyster
J. F. Kuhlman
L. L. Lipe
I. N. Augustine
A. F. Ludwig
E. Lee Fleck
S. L. Keller
K. de Freese
Geo. E. Mortensen
Fred Larsen, St. Mark's, Omaha
A. H. Logan, Ponca
S. A. Wassum, Tekamah
S. J. Flora, Gurley

And also recommend that the following be excused for part of the time:

G. W. Livers
J. A. Leiser
L. Ries
Wm. Hoffman
C. B. Harman, Grand Island

We also report the following unexcused absences of Pastors:

E. Pfeifer	A. E. Beyers
H. W. Saeger	W. H. N. Stevens
Paul Machetzke	

Of Lay Delegates:

S. J. Flora, Gurley	Fred Schriefer, Auburn
H. W. Walker, Benedict	M. Snyder, Davenport
W. R. W. Taylor, Lewellen	Wm. Zastrow, Emerson
Ole Hursted, Wayne	H. C. Luckey, Lincoln
Peter Junderson, Sutherland	

We report the following congregations as not represented by a lay-delegate:

Wolbach	Paxton
Sidney	Allen
Church of Redeemer, Omaha	Potter
Pawnee City	Stamford
Hampton	Hooper
Stella	Rising City
Eagle	Benson
Walton	Wilbur

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. UTESCH,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT AC.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions reports the following:

Whereas, more than 113,000 divorces were granted in the United States in 1916, or more than in all other Christian nations combined,

Therefore, Resolved, That we deplore this ever increasing evil in our land.

Resolved, That we hereby record our emphatic disapproval of the granting of divorces except for the Scriptural ground as set forth in Matt. 5:32 and 19:9.

Resolved, That our ministers be urged frequently to preach against this deplorable condition, which is rapidly lowering the standard of our homes of our country; and that they preach occasionally on the sanctity of the marriage relation.

Resolved, That we, as Synod, view with alarm the tremendous increase of immorality especially among the young that we warn our people against this withering sin and that we urge

our Pastors to preach strenuously against this awfully blighting curse.

Resolved, That we have heard with great satisfaction the excellent report of Midland College and that we pledge our hearty support to the institution.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the good report that Tabitha Home and Nachusa Orphanage are out of debt and otherwise prosperous and pledge them our generous support.

Resolved, That we protest against the increasing desecration of the Lord's Day, and that we hereby record our unqualified disapproval of Sunday baseball, the Sunday theater and the Sunday moving picture show and we also disapprove of automobiling to the neglect of God's House.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure Rev. J. A. McCullough, representative of the Nachusa Orphanage; Rev. Paul H. Krause, of the Board of Education; Dr. C. S. Brown, of the Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. L. H. Yarger, of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and Dr C. E. Hay, of the Deaconess Home, Baltimore, and that we assure these brethren that we are in hearty sympathy with the causes they represent.

Resolved, That our Pastors should be careful in permitting parties, who represent Children's Home Founding Societies and who speak disparagingly of our charitable institutions, to come into our Churches and work among our people. Our heartiest support should first be given to the homes in our own territory.

Resolved, That we hereby express our hearty thanks to the Pastor and wife and people of the First Lutheran Church of North Platte for the kind reception and royal entertainment they have given us, and the choir for their excellent music and that we wish them God's blessings in their new and beautiful Church.

Resolved, That these words of appreciation be conveyed to the people by the Pastor at the first opportunity.

Resolved, That all resolutions and recommendations passed by this Synod shall be read to every congregation by the Pastor as soon as the printed minutes have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. BRIGHT.

EXHIBIT AD.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION—TREASURER'S BOOKS.

The Auditing Committee of the Board of Home Missions and

Church Extension of the Synod of Nebraska beg to submit that they have examined the Treasurer's report and books. And since we cannot find the place where the former Auditing Committee has struck a balance, we are unable to audit the books for this year.

We, therefore, recommend:

That a committee, who reside in Omaha, be appointed so they can confer with the Treasurer, R. B. Weller, and correct the discrepancy.

J. C. HERSHEY.

EXHIBIT AE.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren:

With sincere gratitude to Almighty God, whose blessings have been ours during the past year, we come before you with another year of Missionary activity.

The following congregations received assistance: Omaha, Church of Our Redeemer, Dr. Harman, Pastor; First Church, Rev. Oak W. Ebright, Pastor, Tekamah; Rev. John Utesch, Pastor, and the First Church, York, Rev. C. S. Powell, Pastor.

Of the above Churches, the congregation at Tekamah, Rev. John Utesch, Pastor, took steps to become self supporting, and acknowledging the indebtedness to the board expressed its appreciation to that body for the most timely help rendered.

Church of Our Redeemer, Rev. C. B. Harman, Pastor.

Under the very efficient leadership of their Pastor, this congregation enjoyed another year of signal progress. The obligations of this Church to meet their special payments on their Church property, together with all other regular expense, were met in full and the Treasurer was able to report a substantial sum as balance on hand. The Pastor's salary was increased substantially and a reduction made of $250 from the Board of Home Missions. This faithful people voted to become self-supporting July 1, 1921. The Mission is called upon to part with their beloved Pastor and his highly esteemed family, who, on October 1st, left this field for even greater fulness in the Master's vineyard. The congregation had almost reached self-support, and now has called Rev. Klaus de Freese to assume charge of this very promising field.

Benson, Rev. Oak W. Ebright, Pastor.

This Mission, after years of trials and discouragement, evidenced a year of substantial progress. The congregation shows a net gain of 23 new members. Expending $550 on repairs and most needful improvements comes with an excess of apportionment to Synod and increased the salary of their Pastor $200.00. Much of the success of this Church is due to the Every Member Canvass, which has developed a tithers' league of 49 members. Both Pastor and people are greatly encouraged and the prospect of this congregation call forth our gratitude to Him from whom all blessings flow.

York, Rev. Clark S. Powell, Pastor.

This congregation, located in the county seat of York, lost its former Pastor, Rev. W. H. N. Stevens, and though much discouraged, has secured Rev. Clark S. Powell as their missionary. The present Pastor took charge of this field August 1st. The congregation sold their old parsonage and purchased a modern home next to our Church for very little more than received for their old property. With the coming of Rev. Powell, the people have taken a renewed interest in their Church. The attendance at Church and Sunday School has doubled and if present indications should continue, we confidently believe, that great things may be expected from this Mission in the future.

New Church Organized.

Synod will be pleased to learn of a new Church organized at South Sioux City. The Missionary Superintendent, in company with some of the members of the committee, canvassed this field and found much material for the Lutheran Church in this growing city. On August 29 regular steps were taken to effect an organization and the congregation started with a charter roll of 38 members. The new congregation reports an active Sunday School and Missionary Aid Society and hopes soon to secure a regular Pastor.

The attention of the committee was drawn to the following fields for visitation: Hendley, Glenville, Washington, Lincoln. Aurora and Norfolk. After receiving reports from these fields it was deemed advisable to make a thorough canvass of the city of Aurora with the hope of establishing a congregation in this place.

Not finding the substantial support at the services held and feeling the urgent need to care for the prospect offered us at South Sioux City, the committee recommended that for the present the activity at Aurora be suspended and instructed the

Missionary Superintendent to devote his entire time to the South Sioux City field.

Lorton.

For some time regular Sunday services were held in this place with encouraging results. The people took much interest in Church services and Sunday School and provided the necessary means to care for all expenses. Having received a protest from the Iowa Synod, which felt that our holding services in this town not having any Church organization at present, interfered with their congregations and offering to take care of the Lorton field with regular Sunday services in the English language of our country, our committee deemed it wise to permit the Iowa Synod to take charge of this field and so withdrew all further activity.

Feeling the need of a better understanding relative to the situation at Norfolk and Wisner, these two fields were referred to the committee appointed by the two Synods for adjudication. The Adjudication Committee held several meetings and reports favorable progress made relative to the Norfolk field. As to the Wisner field it was the judgment of the Adjudication Committee that for the present no further action to organize a congregation at this place should be taken.

Having received an urgent call from Rev. H. L. Greenawalt, Paxton, to assist him in securing suitable lots for the location of a Church at Roscoe, the Missionary Superintendent was authorized to visit this field and secured two valuable lots for our Church without cost.

Communications were received from Roca and Surprise relative to our Church properties in these places. Our lots at Roca are accumulating taxes and will never be of service to our Church. The Church property at Surprise, while of fair repair, is desired by the Roman Catholic people for Church purposes and received an offer of $1,700. We recommend that the proper officers of Synod be instructed to sell these properties.

The following resolutions are presented for your consideration:

Whereas, the Church property in South Sioux City was sold to private parties, and

Whereas, The money received from the above property was turned over to the Treasurer of the Synodical Missionary and Church Extension Committee,

Therefore, let it be resolved, That the Synod of Nebraska permit the Missionary Committee to keep this money as a separate fund to be used in the securing of Church property to as-

sist in the establishment of Mission Churches, which are under the direction of the General Board.

Whereas, the compact Lutheran section in America still unanglicized lies West and Northwest of the City of Chicago, and,

Whereas, The administration of this trust can best be accomplished with the first-hand counsel of leaders on said territory, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Synod of Nebraska memorialize the United Lutheran Church in America to adjust the membership on the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension so that hereafter at least seven members shall be from territory west of the Mississippi, and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod of Nebraska petition the United Lutheran Church to make the City of Chicago the headquarters for the Home Mission Board, thus placing center of administration in the most stragetic center for Missionary operation in this country.

Respectfully submitted,

SYNODICAL MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE,

W. T. KAHSE,
Secretary.

EXHIBIT AE-1.

Omaha, Neb., October 5, 1920.

To the Auditing Committee, Nebraska Synod, The Lutheran Church:

North Platte, Neb.

Gentlemen:

You will find herewith, vouchers covering the money handled by, the undersigned during the past year ending October 4th, 1920:

Balance on hand October 6, 1919	$ 47.02
Received J. H. Miller, Treasurer	2,048.30
Received Lorton Congregation	14.40
Received Wisner Congregation	13.50
Received Aurora Congregation	27.50
Received part payment sale church property South Sioux City	170.00
Total recepits	$2,320.47

Expenditures per vouchers herewith:

No. 455 to No. 470 inclusive $1,725.20

Balance on hand United States National Bank of Omaha, per statement attached 595.27

I also hand, herewith, voucher No. 454, which was outstanding at the time the last audit was made.

Respectfully submitted,

SYNODICAL MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE,

R. B. WELLER,
Treasurer.

EXHIBIT AG.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS AND POOLING.

The committee finds that the average of railroad expense for Pastors, as handed in, to be $8.17; and that for lay members to be $13.27.

The committee recommend that all members remaining to the close of Synod, and reporting to the Secretary, be refunded the amounts paid in excess of the average.

The committee recommend the following bills be paid:

Geo. Dorn	$ .60
W. F. Rangeler	3.55
O. D. Baltzly	8.80
Mrs. Margaret Chamberlain	15.00
G. B. Weaver	2.76
N. W. Business College	3.00
E. A. Van Fleet	15.18
J. H. Miller	21.00
O. A. Keyser	3.00
M. E. Bollinger	3.40
C. R. Lowe	6.35
C. H. Lewis	11.82
F. R. Shirck	4.93
Geo. Dorn	2.00
W. L. Bright	1.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. MILLER.

EXHIBIT AH.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL.

The printed minutes, page 5, line 13, "Lay Delegates enrolled" does not appear in Secretary's minutes.

Page 9 of the printed minutes, line 8, "Benevolence Committee" appears instead of "Apportionment Committee."

Page 10, printed minutes, the omission of the following item: "At 8 P. M., Rev. Oak Ebright and Rev. William Koester were ordained to the gospel ministry, and Mr. Mortensen and Mr. Raun were licensed to preach the Gospel for one year."

The minutes for the meeting of the Executive Council held January, 14, 1920, omitted in the printed minutes. Likewise the call for the special meeting of Synod, together with the minutes of the special meeting held May 5, 1920, at Tekamah, do not appear in the minutes.

Report of the Committee on Amendment and Constitution omitted in the printed minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. OAK EBRIGHT,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT AK.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Brotherhood.

We, the Committee on Resolutions, extend a vote of thanks to the Pastor and congregation of the First Presbyterian Church for the use of their house of worship for the meeting of the Lutheran Brotherhood of Nebraska. And to the Ladies' Aid of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church for the excellent banquet served to the Brotherhood, and to the Pastor and the membership of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church for their hearty welcome and hospitable entertainment.

Submitted,

R. M. BADGER,
J. C. HERSHEY,
HENRY PEDERSON.

LIST OF SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS.

Pastorate—	Secretary.	Treasurer.
Allen	Mr. H. C. Heckt	H. C. Heckt
Auburn	Wm. U. Stuff	Fred Schriefer
Beatrice	C. F. A. Bartling, 1001 Ella St.	J. P. Naumann, 1101 Elk St.
Benedict (Zion)	E. J. Harbert	E. J. Harbert
Benedict (Bethel)	Dr. Warner, Gresham, Neb.	Fred Liedke
Bruning	Henry Uden	Robt. Hofrichter
Dakota City	F. P. Culbertson	F. P. Culbertson
Davenport	Cuthbert Miller	Mahlon Snyder
Eagle	August Siekman	Rudolph Umland
Elmwood	Fred Schaefer, Avoca	Edw. Penterman
Emerson	Dr. N. L. Hansen	E. Enke
Falls City	Carl Brecht, Barada, Neb.	Henry Zorn
Grand Island	C. J. Beegle	E. W. Augustine
Hampton	G. E. Plotts	John Petersen
Hardy (St. Paul's)	W. H. Scott	C. L. Cramer
Hardy (Jewell)	H. M. Davidson	Milton D. Miller
Homer	Mrs. Rebecca Voss, Hubbard, R. F. D.	
Hooper	E. M. Uehling	Arthur Wieland
Lincoln	Chas. Thorsen, 1321 Wood St.	J. H. Humpe, 1624 A St.
McCool Junction	W. H. Woods, York, Neb.	H. P. Smith
Nebraska City	Fred Rottman	Louis Rodenbrook
North Platte	H. F. Tramp	A. T. Yost
Oakland	John Larsen	Wm. H. Miller

LIST OF SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS—(CONT.).

Pastorate—	Secretary.	Treasurer.
Omaha (Benson Dist.)	C. C. Johnson, Benson	H. A. Haney, Benson
Omaha (Kountze Memorial)	C. O. Larmon, 3007 Fowler Ave.	Wm. Sievers, 1609 Burdette
Omaha (St. Mark's)	Chas. H. Puls, 1811 Wirt St.	Frank Ekdahl, 1625 Pinkney
Omaha (Grace)	Carl Hansen, 3924 No. 20th	
Omaha (St. Luke's)	Rudolph Gameri, 2205 Monroe	J. G. Jacobson, 4830 So. 18th
Omaha (Church of Redeemer)	U. B. Elseffer, 5208 N. 28th	E. C. Munsch, 1609 Evans
Lewellen	Wm. Rohlfing, Lewellen	W. R. W. Taylor, Lewellen, Neb.
Paxton-Sutherland	O. M. Gunnall, Paxton	Fred Crook, Paxton
Oshkosh	Roy Swanson	Robt. Quelle
Potter	J. J. Johnson	E. L. Hougen
Ponca	A. H. Logan	Lloyd Lynde
Rising City	Wm. A. Miller	D. Loudenslager
Sidney-Gurley	S. J. Flora, Gurley	W. M. Riggs
Stella	Esburn Wheeler	Esburn Wheeler
Stamford	Adolpn Heldt	Adolps Heldt
Tekamah	S. A. Wassum	M. D. Willert
Verdon	C. M. Heinzelman	Henry Zorn, Salem, Neb.
Walton	Aug. Anderson	Guy Salsbury
Wayne	Robt. Stambaugh	Herman Lundberg
West Point	A. L. Krause	Chas. Beckenhauer
Wilber	E. G. Hopkins	E. E. Shimonek
York	Fred C. J. Voss, R. F. D.	Fred Voss, Jr.
South Sioux City	J. M. King	J. M. King
Fremont	Dr. Fred H. Berhenke	Dr. Fred H. Berhenke
Verdon	C. M. Heinzelman	H. W. Jorn

CONSTITUTION

—OF—

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

ARTICLE I—THE SYNOD.

Section 1.—THE NAME. The name and title of the body organized under this Constitution shall be the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Section 2.—THE DOCTRINAL BASIS. (A) This Synod receives and holds the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

(B) This Synod accepts the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely, the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian—as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.

(C) This Synod receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all Churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

(D) This Synod recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord as in harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

Section 3.—THE MEMBERSHIP. (A) This Synod shall consist of ministers and congregations in unity with the Doctrinal Basis in section 2, received into membership as hereinafter provided.

(B) Any Evangelical Lutheran minister applying for admission and accepting this Constitution with the doctrinal basis, and whose ordination or transfer has the approval of the Ex-

amining Committee, may be received into the membership in the order hereinafter provided.

(C) Any congregation located within or contiguous to the natural bounds of the territory of this Synod may, upon approval of the Executive Committee, be received into membership by a majority vote at any regular convention.

(D) Every congregation shall be faithful to its obligations to this Synod in all matters of support, practice and Church government.

(E) Other members shall be such as are received by ordination, transfer, or as hereinafter provided.

Section 4.—OBJECT, DUTIES AND POWERS. In accordance with the doctrinal basis set forth in Section 2 of this Article, and in full accord with the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, this body recognizes that all power in the Church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church; and all just duties and powers exercised by the Church are committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacrament.

Therefore this body is organized (a) To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (Eph. 4:5, 6; Augs. Con. Art. 7).

(b) To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-16; 1 Cor. 1:10) to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17); and to strengthen the congregation in faith, in confession, and the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

(c) To give outward expression to the spiritual unity of Evangelical Lutheran congregations; to cultivate co-operation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, and to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principles and practices and make their strength effective.

(d) To awaken, co-ordinate, and effectively direct and supervise the united energies of the congregations in such operations as the following:

(1) The training of ministers and teachers to be witnesses of the Word; and the upbuilding, maintenance and strengthening of institutions for the promotion of such training.

2. The extension of the Kingdom of God by the support of Home, Foreign and Inner Missions, under the administration and functions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

(3) The proper regulation of the human externals of worship in the congregation and family, that the same, in character

and administration, may be in keeping with the New Testament and the liberty of the Church, as well as the practice of the United Lutheran Church in America.

(e) To solicit and disburse funds, and to devise ways and means necessary for the purposes of the work defined in this Constitution.

(f) To ordain qualified men to the holy office of the Ministry of the Gospel; and to suspend and depose those who dishonor it by false teaching, by insubordination or an unworthy or a wicked life.

(g) To maintain discipline unto the fostering of holiness and fidelity in the ministry and people.

(h) To maintain a true connection and relation with the United Lutheran Church in America, and all its interests and obligations.

Section 5.—DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS AND POWERS. The exercise of the functions and powers of this Synod shall be distributed into two departments: The Synod, The Conference.

ARTICLE II—MEETINGS.

Section 1. A regular meeting of the Synod shall be held annually at the time specified in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the request of the Executive Committee or the written request of one-fourth of the ministers; but no business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that specified in the call.

Section 3. One-third of the ministers, wth the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given by the Secretary of Synod by circular and by publication in the official organ of the United Lutheran Church, at least four weeks in advance for regular meetings, and two weeks for special meetings.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Section 1. The officers of the Synod shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected at regular meetings of the Synod. Ministers only shall be eligible to the offices of President and Secretary. For administrative purposes the Synod may from time to time elect and designate other officers additional to those named in this paragraph as specified by the By-Laws.

Section 2. (a) The term of office of all officers shall be one year or until their successors are elected. The President and Secretary shall not be eligible to election for more than two successive terms.

Section 2. (b) The term of office of all officers shall begin at the close of the meeting of Synod at which they are elected, and, except in case of re-election, they shall be formally inducted into office by the retiring President at the close of the last business session.

Section 3. Should a vacancy occur in any of these offices the Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill the same until the next regular meeting of Synod.

Section 4. The officers shall be entitled to receive the necessary expenses incident to the duties imposed by their office, and such remuneration as the Synod may determine.

Section 5. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT. (A) He shall exercise supervision over all ministers and congregations connected wtih the Synod, and over all agencies created by the Synod for the prosecution of the general work of the Church.

(B) He shall preside at all meetings of the Synod, and it shall be his duty to see that the Constitution, By-Laws, and decisions of the Synod are duly obeyed, and its resolutions carried into effect.

(C) As necessity arises he shall visit the congregations belonging to the Synod, and shall confer and advise with pastors and people concerning their spiritual and temporal welfare.

(D) He shall ordain all accepted candidates for the ministerial office, and shall install the pastors of all congregations belonging to the Synod, or shall provide for and authorize their ordination and installation as the Synod may prescribe in its By-Laws.

(E) When the execution of deeds or other instruments of writing is ordered by the Synod, or is required by the Constitution, or becomes proper and necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation, the President is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Synod, to sign the same and to affix the corporate seal of the Synod.

(F) He shall annually submit to the Synod a report of all his official acts, except matters of a pastoral or private character, together with such other information and recommendations as he may deem of importance.

Section 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY. (A) The Secretary of Synod shall prepare and keep a correct register of the

ministers belonging to the Synod and the dates of their ordination and the places of their residence; also a similar register of the congregations and parishes connected with the Synod, with the names of the pastors serving them and of the lay delegates appointed to represent them. Accurate and faithful records of all the proceedings of the Synod shall be kept by him and he shall have charge of the printing and distribution of the minutes, as directed by the Synod and shall perform other duties as the Synod may from time to time direct.

(B) He is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Synod, to attest all instruments of writing ordered by the Synod or required by the Constitution or which become necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation, and signed and sealed by the President.

Section 7. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER. (A) The Treasurer shall have charge of all the moneys and accounts of the Synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, and evidences of claims and revenues, and of its trust funds, except such as the Synod may specially commit to other agents, holding the same at all times subject to the order of the Synod.

(B) He shall receive and acknowledge all contributions, donations, legacies and bequests made to the Synod, collect all interest and income from invested funds, and pay all appropriations and orders of the Synod, collect all interest and income from invested funds, and pay all appropriations and orders of the Synod on the several accounts as approved and directed by the Executive Committee.

(C) He shall keep a regular account with each congregation of the Synod, and from time to time during the Synodical year shall inform the Council of each congregation of the state of this account, and shall prepare and submit to each regular convention of the Synod a tabular statement of such accounts for record and publication.

(D) By and with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee he shall make, change, or renew investments of funds owned or held in trust by the Synod; and he is duly empowered, constituted and authorized as the attorney in fact for the Synod to satisfy of record any mortgages, judgments, notes or recorded evidence of indebtedness, upon the payment and receipt in full of the amounts so secured by the same, and to assign and transfer any policies of insurance or other securities, that may be held as collateral to such mortgages, loans or judgments.

(E) He shall deposit regularly all moneys received for any

account of the Synod, and shall make all investments in the name of and to the use of the Synod.

(F) On entering upon his office he shall give satisfactory bond to the Synod for the faithful performance of his duties, in such amount as the Executive Committee shall determine, which bond shall be in the custody of the President.

(G) At each annual convention he shall render a full, detailed and accurate report to the Synod of all receipts and disbursements in his several accounts, with a statement of the financial condition of the Synod and its apportioned obligations to United Lutheran Church in America which report shall be regularly audited and certified.

ARTICLE IV.—THE CONFERENCE.

Section 1. District conferences shall be constituted, composed of ministers and congregations of the Synod located within a given territory, as from time to time determined by the Synod.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each conference to care for the interests and development of the Church upon its territory; to assist in carrying out the regulations and resolutions of the Synod and to attend to such other duties in its territory as may be assigned to it by the Synod.

Section 3. Every pastor and congregation belonging to the Synod and residing or being located within the bounds of a conference shall by that fact belong to that conference. Ordained ministers of the Synod not actively serving pastorates shall be assigned conference connection by the Executive Committee. If boundary lines of the same conference districts, the place in which the pastor resides shall determine his own and the conference connection of his pastoral charge.

Section 4. Each conference shall meet at least once in each year, and as many more times as circumstances may require. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of one-fourth of the ministers of the conference. One-third of the ministers belonging to the conference, together with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Each conference shall annually elect a minister to be President, and such other officers as may be necessary for the transaction of its business.

Section 6. The conference may adopt for itself any rules and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod or of the regulations and resolutions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Section 7. The actions of a conference shall at all times be subject to review by the Synod, and the records of the proceedings of conferences shall be submitted annually to Synod for examination.

ARTICLE V.—COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees: Executive Committee, Mission Committee, Ministerial Education, Examining Committee, Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies (five members), Protocol, State of the Church, Committee on Reference and Council.

Also the following special committees:

President's Report, Conference Minutes and Reports, Leave of Absence, Letters and Papers, Resolutions, Apportionment, Claims and Pooling Expenses, Committee on Program for Next Meeting of Synod. Other committees may be created from time to time as the Synod may deems necessary.

Section 2.—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. (A) This Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be the President and Secretary of Synod, the remaining three to be elected by Synod for terms of three years in such manner that the term of one shall expire each year. The President of Synod shall be ex-Officio Chairman of this committee.

(B) It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to represent the Synod and to carry out (see line 441) resolutions; to attend to the business of the Synod during the interim; to fill vacancies not otherwise provided for; and to perform such other work as may be delegated to it by Synod, to which it shall make full report of its acts.

(C) It shall cause an annual examination to be made of all investments and securities held by the Synod, and report thereon; recommend all apropriations to be made by the Synod, and without its approval no appropriations shall be made, except by a three-fourths vote of the Synod.

(D) It shall hold meetings during the interim as necessity may require. Special meetings may be called by the President of Synod, or, in case of his death or removal, by the Secretary of Synod. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

(E) It shall determine the amount of salary to be paid to any officer of the Synod entitled thereto, when not otherwise determined, and shall make appropriations to meet its necessary expenses.

Section 3.—THE MISSION COMMITTEE. (A) There shall be a Committee on Missions, to consist of the President of Synod, three ministers and two laymen. A missionary on the funds of the board shall not be a member of the committee, unless he is President of the Synod.

(B) The committee shall elect a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and shall hold regular meetings as may be necessary (monthly or quarterly) to hear reports and consider all applications for aid and the needs of all misisons and new fields on the Synodical territory.

(C) It shall superintend and have charge of the missions in the territory of the Synod, under the direction and rules of the General Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America. It shall confer with the District General Superintendent of said General Board, and with him make a budget for the necessary funds to be expended on the Synodical territory for the year, which budget shall be submitted for approval to said General Board. The budget decided upon by the District General Superintendent and the Synodical Committee shall represent a maximum amount for the year.

(D) The Committee on Missions shall also co-operate with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America in matters of Church extension funds.

(E) The committee shall endeavor to foster and cultivate a missionary spirit among the congregations of the Synod, and it shall advise with and assist conference committees in planting new missions. It shall have charge of and superintend the work and activities of Inner Missions, of City Missions, and other general missionaries whose salaries, either in whole or in part, are paid by the Synod and such general missionaries shall render quarterly reports to the committee.

(F) The Committee on Missions shall, upon the direction of Synod, elect a Synodical Missionary Superintendent; or, if Synod so decide, unite with the Synodical Committee of a neighboring Synod or Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America in the election of a District Missionary Superintendent and shall make recommendations to the Synod for an apportionment sufficient to cover the salary and expenses of such Synodical or District Superintendent.

Section 4.—COMMITTEE OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION. (A) This committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Executive Committee who shall meet at the time and place

of holding the annual meeting of Synod; and when necessary during the interim at the call of the Chairman, at such time and place as he may select.

(B) All applications for aid must be made to this committee, who may require the applicant to appear before them in person. They shall determine the number to be aided, the amount to be granted to each, the institution at which the beneficiaries shall pursue their studies, and shall require each beneficiary to take the prescribed course in full, subject to the approval of Synod.

(C) The applicant shall be one of exemplary character, and he shall be free from all habits unbecoming a minister of the Gospel. Beneficiaries shall not marry during their course of study; and while receiving aid from Synod, they shall abstain from all use of tobacco and intoxicating beverages.

(D) The applicant shall have been a consistent and active member of the Lutheran Church for at least one year. He shall have attained such scholarship as would admit him to the Freshman Class in any of our Lutheran Colleges. He shall show efficiency in these departments of study which he has already pursued; and shall furnish evidence from the institution which he has attended that he has formed habits of diligent study, and that he is possessed of such mental powers and ability as will enable him to acquire scholarship.

(E) He shall satisfactorily answer all the questions on the blank presented to him by the committee.

(F) The amount of aid granted annually to any student shall be paid in installments. The committee shall have satisfactory evidence that the beneficiary has paid his tuition and other college expenses before paying the next installment.

(G) They shall require that a term report be sent them by the Secretary of the College, and an average grade of 80 per cent shall be required to continue any beneficiary on the funds of Synod. This committee shall have power to drop from the funds any one proving himself either physically, intellectually or morally unfit for the work of the ministry, subject to the approval of Synod.

(H) (1) They shall require each applicant who shall receive aid from the funds to sign a promissory note with such endorsement as may be required by the committee and with interest from date, interest not to be chargeable so long as the applicant continues his studies in the institution assigned him and complies with the other requirements herein specified.

(2) The Treasurer of this fund shall return to the students aided, or cancel the notes held against him after ten years of faithful service in the United Lutheran Church in America.

(3) All notes held against any beneficiary shall be collected, if the same demit the ministry or enter the ministry of any other denomination or Church before the completion of ten years' service in the United Lutheran Church in America.

(I) It shall be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means to encourage young men to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel; to disburse funds as the Synod shall appropriate or may be granted by the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America for the assistance of students for the ministry, and shall supervise their work under such rules as the Synod shall approve; and to present to the Synod all such information and recommendations regarding the work of Ministerial Education as may require consideration or action.

Section 5.—THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE. (A) This Committee shall consist of not less than seven ordained ministers of Synod who shall be appointed for a term of three years, in such manner that the terms of at least two members shall expire each year. No member shall be re-appointed until a year shall have expired after the completion of his term of service.

(B) They shall examine all candidates for ordination in the following subjects: Personal Piety and Motives for Entering the Ministry, Hebrew and New Testament Greek Exegesis, Apologetics, Systematic Theology, Old Testament History, Church History, Biblical Introduction, Biblical Criticism, Biblical Antiquity, Biblical Geography, Symbolics, Catechetics, Liturgics, Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, Church Government and Missions.

(C) This committee shall report to the Synod in executive session, and shall recommend such applicants as shall satisfy the provisions of Article VI, Section 1; but a two-third vote of the members of the committee present shall be necessary for recommendation.

ARTICLE VI.—THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.

Section 1.—MINISTERS. (A) All applicants for ordination and for admission into Synod shall be made to the President of Synod and referred by him to the Examining Committee.

(B) Every minister received into the Synod and every candidate who is ordained shall sign this Constitution prior to admission into membership.

(C) Applicants for Ordination: (1) The examination for

candidates for ordination shall be open to all members of the Synod. It shall test the general fitness of each applicant for the office of the ministry, his reasons for seeking the office, his theological attainments, his acceptance of the standards prescribed in Article I, Section 2, and his local appreciation of the organization and work of the Synod and of the United Lutheran Church in America.

(2) Applicants for ordination shall present to the Examining Committee a satisfactory written testimonial of Christian life and character and also of the course pursued in theological study.

(3) Every candidate to be ordained by Synod shall be at least, 21 years of age, and shall exhibit satisfactory evidence to the Examining Committee that he has received a regular call from a congregation, a Synod or a Church Board, to a specific field of ministerial labor, and that he has accepted such call upon the condition of his approval by the Synod.

(4) A candidate who has received and accepted a call shall present himself for examination and if approved by the Examining Committee, he shall be favorably recommended by said committee to the Synod for ordination—which shall take place when he shall have submitted satisfactory evidence to the President that he has received and accepted a regular call, and shall have given assurance of his acceptance of the provisions of this Constitution, especially Article One, Section 2.

(D) Of Ordained Ministers: (1) Any regularly ordained minister of a constituent Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America, applying for admission into this Synod, shall furnish evidence of his ordination and Christian character, together with a letter of dismissal issued by the Synod from which he comes, which he shall present to the Examining Committee; and if they request he shall present himself in person for consultation; and on favorable report of said committee to the President of Synod he shall be enrolled as a member of Synod.

(2) Any regularly ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, belonging to a Synod not constituent of the United Lutheran Church in America, who may apply for admission into the Synod, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his ordination and of his Christian character, together with a letter of dismissal or testimonial of good standing issued by the body from which he comes; he shall also be subject to a colloquium with the Examining Committee as to his acceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section 2, and his loyal apprecia-

tion of the organization and work of this Synod and of the United Lutheran Church in America; and on favorable report from the Examining Committee to the executive session of Synod and on favorable action of Synod he shall be enrolled.

(3) A minister coming from an ecclesiastical body other than Lutheran shall, with his application for membership, present satisfactory evidence of his ordination and his Christian character, as well as his good standing in the body with which he was formerly connected. His application and testimonials shall be referred to the Examining Committee, who, in colloquium with the applicant, shall ascertain his knowledge and acceptance of Lutheran Doctrine and Practice, especially the doctrinal basis and usuages of this Synod and of the United Lutheran Church in America. If such examination warrant, the Examining Committee shall in each instance, recommend to the executive session of Synod the action to be taken; and, if, on favorable report of the committee, two-thirds of the ministers present and voting shall approve, he shall, on his public subscription to the doctrinal standards of the United Lutheran Church in America, be enrolled as a member of Synod.

Section 2.—RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS. A congregation desiring admission to Synod shall place in the hands of the President a formal application signed by the Secretary of the Church Council and by the pastor, and shall send a representative to the meeting of the Synod; it shall submit a copy of its constitution, and of its charter, if incorporated. If these are in accord with the requirements of the Constitution of this Synod, the congregation may be received into membership by a majority vote of the Synod at any meeting. Contemplated changes of its constitution, affecting its articles of faith, adherence to the Synod and the United Lutheran Church in America, and disposition of its property, shall be reported to the President of Synod for his approval.

ARTICLE VII.—MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.

Section 1.—MINISTERS. (A) Ministerial members of the Synod are those who have become such by ordination or by reception from another Synod in accordance with Article VI of this Constitution. Their membership shall cease only by death, by regular transfer and reception into another Synod, or by process under Article IX. They become pastors by being regularly called to serve a congregation or pastoral charge of the Synod, and after their installation as such upon the approval of the President of Synod.

(B) In addition to pastors of congregations the Synod may include and continue upon its ministerial roll such who, although without a pastoral charge, hold educational, executive, missionary, or editorial offices to which they have been appointed by the Synod or by the United Lutheran Church in America or any of its regularly constituted boards which are recognized as competent to make such appointments.

(C) Every minister shall conform his preaching and teaching to the doctrinal basis set forth in Article I, Section 2.

(D) Every pastor shall preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, conform the manner of conducting public worship to the accepted practice of the United Lutheran Church in America; he shall care for the people under his pastorate as individuals and as congregations in common faith and harmonious interest with all other members and congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America; he shall give catechetical instruction regularly and shall confirm catchumens; he shall perform the marriage ceremony in accordance with the laws of God and of the state and in harmony with the official utterances of the United Lutheran Church in America; he shall visit and minister to the sick and infirm; he shall bury the dead; he shall install regularly elected members of the Church Council, and, with the council, administer discipline; he shall supervise all schools and auxiliary organizations of the congregation, and shall promote the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the community, in the home land and abroad. He shall seek out and encourage young men having proper natural gifts and qualifications to prepare for ordination to the Holy Ministry of the Gospel; he shall co-operate with the agencies and officers of conference and Synod in every way to educate the people to increase their liberality for the causes of benevolence recommended by the Synod or supported by the United Lutheran Church in America; and shall use his best endeavor to stimulate piety in the individual and family life of the people, as well as a knowledge of the Church and her work by the circulation of the literature of the Church.

(E) The pastor shall keep accurate parochial records of Baptisms, Confirmations, members received by transfer or profession of faith, members dismissed, deceased or ex-communicated, together with a roster of all communicant members of his charge and a record of their attendance at the Communion, keeping the record of each congregation in a pastoral charge in a separate book which shall be the property of the congregation;

and shall report annually an accurate abstract of these statistics to the Synod or to an official appointed by the Synod for that purpose, for publication in a Synodical table of Parochial Reports.

(F) No minister shall preach or perform any ministerial act within the pastorate or pastoral charge of a brother minister, except upon his request or with his consent; nor shall he visit and preach in a vacant charge or congregation except upon formal invitation of the Church Council, or the consent or appointment of the President of Synod.

(G) Should a minister belonging to this Synod find himself constrained to demit the regular duties of the ministry, his name shall be continued upon the roll as a member; but if he engages in any business or office incompatible with the nature of the Holy Office of the Ministry, such act shall be sufficient reason why the Synod should strike his name from the membership roll. In this connection the Executive Committee of Synod is charged to report annually for consideration and reference a full list of all others than superannuated or physically incapacitated ministers on the roll who for a period of two years or more have not been engaged in ministerial work as defined in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, and the executive session of Synod shall decide when the name of a disengaged minister is to be dropped from the roll of members.

(H) If any minister in good and regular standing in the Synod enters a field of labor within some other Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America he shall, upon application to the President, be entitled to, and the President shall furnish him with a certificate of honorable dismissal; but until formally received into the membership of the Synod to which he has been dismissed he shall be fully amenable to this Synod.

(I) It shall be the duty of every pastor, when members of his congregation or pastoral charge remove into the bounds of another, to urge such members to connect themselves with the congregation into whose territory they have removed; he shall immediately notify the pastor of said pastoral charge of such removal; and, upon application, shall furnish certificates of transfer to such as are entitled to the same.

(J) All ministers of the Synod shall attend all meetings of the Synod and the conference to which they belong. In case of unavoidable absence, the absentee shall send to the Secretary an excuse for his absence; and nothing shall be regarded as a valid excuse except urgent necessity and positive inability to at-

tend. Repeated absence without valid excuse shall subject the absentee to discipline.

Section 2—LICENTIATES. (A) In case of a lack of ordained ministers available to serve all the pastorates of the Synod, or for special pastoral service as need may arise, theological students, of general qualifications fitted for the ministry and having satisfactorily passed the first and second years in an accepted Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Church, may be licensed by the Synod to preach and perform ministerial acts in charge of a pastorate to which they have been regularly called, or appointed by the President of Synod as supply pastors, for a period of time, on condition, however, that such licentiates agree to return to a Theological Seminary after a period of licensed service and complete their studies for graduation in the usual course as applicants for ordination.

(B) Before accepting a call, a licentiate shall obtain the consent of the President of Synod.

(C) All applications for licensure shall be made to the President of Synod and by him referred to the Examining Committee.

(D) Applicants for licensure shall appear before the Examining Committee, who, upon satisfactory evidence of fitness, may recommend such applicants to the executive session of Synod for licensure.

(E) A licentiate shall have power to perform all ministerial acts, and to represent his pastorate as delegate to the Synod or conference during the time specified in his license as if he were ordained.

(F) After a licentiate has taken a charge, he shall not leave the same during the time of his license without the consent or call of the President of Synod.

(G) All licenses issued by order of the Synod shall expire at the next annual meeting of the Synod, but may, at the recommendation of the Examining Committee be renewed for one succeeding year.

(H) Every licentiate shall keep an accurate journal of his ministerial acts, which, with at least four sermons preached by him, and with his certificate of licensure, he shall deliver to the President of Synod at least three weeks before the annual meeting of the Synod, for the inspection of the Examining Committee.

(I) Should the attention of the President of Synod be directed by common rumor or complaint to alleged offenses or incapacity of any licentiate of the Synod, he shall immediately in-

vestigate the matter; and, should he deem such action necessary, he shall immediately recall and annul the license of such licentiate.

ARTICLE VIII.—THE CONGREGATIONS.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Church Council or Councils of every pastoral charge belonging to the Synod to appoint annually from its communicant members in good standing a lay delegate who shall represent the charge at all meetings of Synod and of conference, and submit his report to the parish; and the congregation or pastoral charge shall arrange to pay his and their pastor's regular expenses to be in full attendance upon such meetings. It may also appoint an alternate to take the place of the regular delegate in his absence.

Section 2. Every congregation belonging to the Synod, as it has a share in all its acts and supervision, shall comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, decisions and recommendations of the Synod and local Conference, and shall conform its public worship and ministrations to the order used by the United Lutheran Church in America and approved by the Synod. It shall observe and make systematic effort to meet at least the apportioned amount of contributions to the Treasurer of the Synod, and afford to all its members a regular channel of contributions for the benevolent operations of the church, the minimum amount being indicated by a budget of apportionments by Synod to the Congregations. It shall make earnest effort to pay such amounts into the Synodical treasurer in monthly installments. It shall make due and liberal provision for the ministration of the Word and Sacraments, endeavor to hold at least one service every Lord's Day and see that the pastor is properly supported; and make all necessary provision for the promotion of piety in its families and for the Christian training of the young.

Section 3. In cases of vacancy, difficulty or strife in a congregation, the Church Council shall seek the advice and instruction of the President of the Synod.

Section 4. In cases of strife and division, should any part of the congregation belonging to a Synod reject the faith set forth in Article I, Section 2, or revolt against the constitutional provisions or its obligations as a member of Synod, that part of the congregation, whether majority or minority of its membership, which continues in unity with the Synod and its faith shall be recognized as the lawful congregation.

Section 5. No congregation shall make any enactments in

conflict with this constitution or with the accepted regulations of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Section 6. Should a pastor resign, the Church Council shall receive a letter of resignation and refer the same to the congregation for its action; and at once report the fact to the President of Synod.

ARTICLE IX—DISCIPLINE.

Section 1—Offenses. The offenses for which members of the Synod shall be subject to discipline are:

(A) Preaching or teaching doctrine in conflict with the faith set forth in Article I, Section 2.

(B) Conduct incompatible with moral purity or with the character of the ministerial office.

(C) Wilful disregard and violation of the Constitution, authority and resolutions of the Synod.

Section 2—Penalties. The penalties which may be imposed upon ministers are:

(A) Private censure and admonition by the President.

(B) Public censure and admonition in any session of the Synod or Conference.

(C) Suspension from the office and functions of the ministry for a designated period, or until there is satisfactory evidence of repentance and amendment.

(D) Exclusion from the Synod.

(E) Deposition from the ministerial office.

Section 3. Should any congregation belonging to the Synod turn away from the faith set forth in Article I, Section 2, or neglect or refuse to exercise proper discipline over its members after due admonition by the President of the Synod, disparage the cause of the Christian church and the upbuilding of the kingdom of Jesus Christ through applied benevolences, or wilfully disregard and violate the Constitution and regulations of the Synod and persist in such disregard and violation, it shall be excluded from membership in the Synod.

Section 4—Process Against a Minister.

(A) The bringing of charges:

1. By a congregation.

If serious accusation be lodged against a minister before a Church Council by six voting members in the congregation, unless otherwise provided for by the Constitution of the congregation, the Council shall confer with him about the same and shall endeavor to obviate all just cause of complaint and to

reconcile all parties; nor shall any further steps be taken until all proper efforts to this end on the part of the Church Council have been exhausted.

If in the judgment of the Church Council a prima facie case has been made out against the minister, it shall report its findings in writing to the President of Synod, specifying the charges, which must, however, be founded upon the subscribed testimony of at least two credible witnesses. If the Church Council shall ignore the accusation the members of the congregation who have brought the charges may in like manner lay them before the President of Synod.

If the minister be charged with some specific sin not in the manner aforesaid, but by wide spread rumor which is not transient, but which continues and strengthens, the Church Council shall endeavor to remove the scandal; and if it fails or finds evidence of guilt, it shall at once report the case to the President of Synod.

2. By members of Synod.

Three ministers of the Synod may prefer charges against a minister, but such charges must be specific, in writing, signed by them.

3. By the President of the Synod.

Should the attention of the President of the Synod be directed by rumor or complaint to alleged offenses on the part of any of its members he shall immediately investigate the matter and endeavor to remove any cause for complaint or scandal. Should he fail in his efforts, or should he deem such action necessary, he shall appoint a committee of investigation as hereinafter provided.

(B) The Preliminary Investigation:

If any accusation against a minister of the Synod be lodged with the President by a congregation, or by three members of the Synod, he shall at once communicate with the accused respecting the matter; and, if the accused should desire an investigation, or the nature of the accusation be such as to call for it, the President shall order such investigation by the Conference, or he may appoint a committee for that purpose, and cite the accused to appear before said committee to make answer to the charges.

When such investigation is appointed, a copy of the complaint against the accused shall be furnished him by the president, allowing him not less than ten days between the time of

his citation and the time appointed for the hearing; and if the accused should refuse or fail to appear without presenting adequate reasons why the investigation should be deferred to another time, it shall proceed in the same manner as if he were present.

If the findings in such an investigation show gross immorality or flagrant transgression, the same shall at once be reported to the President of the Synod, who shall immediately suspend him from the office and functions of the ministry until his case has been finally decided by the Synod.

If the findings of the investigation show sufficient evidence of guilt, besides reporting the case to the President, the Conference or Committee making the investigation shall formulate the charges and specifications against the accused, and the President of the Synod shall furnish a copy to the accused not less than twenty days before the meeting of the Synod, at the same time citing him to appear at said meeting, when his case shall be heard and decided.

(C) The Trial.

When charges have been brought against a minister of the Synod and the preliminary investigation has shown that a formal trial is necessary, the President shall report the matter to the next annual meeting of Synod, or to a special meeting called for the purpose, and the case shall be referred to a Committee on Discipline consisting of not less than fifteen members. The charges and specifications against the accused shall be presented in his presence if he desires it. The accused shall have the right and opportunity to be fully heard and to call witnesses in his own defense, and may be represented by counsel, who, however, shall be members of the congregations belonging to the Synod. The Committee on Discipline shall hear all relevant testimony, and shall present its findings to Synod. If the findings be adverse to the accused, it shall also recommend the penalty to be inflicted. The findings of the Committee may be adopted and the penalty determined by a majority vote of the Synod; but the accused may appeal from the findings of the Committee, in which case he shall be tried by the Synod in secret session, and the method of procedure shall be the same as before the Committee on Discipline. In case of such appeal all penalties shall be suspended until the case has been tried and determined by the Synod.

When a minister is charged with teaching or preaching doc-

trines that are in conflict with Article I, Section 2, of this Constitution, the Committee on Discipline shall consist entirely of ministers and shall report its findings to the Executive Session of Synod; but the accused may appeal to the said Executive Session of Synod against the findings of the Committee, in which case the Executive Session of Synod shall proceed to try the charges. In acting upon the report of the Committee on Discipline or in its trial of charges, the Executive Session of Synod shall take a vote on two counts: First, Is the doctrine specified in conflict with Article I, Section 2? Second, Is the accused guilty of preaching or teaching such doctrines? The guilt of the accused shall be determined only upon a two-thirds vote on the first count and upon a majority vote on the second count. The Executive Session of Synod shall determine the penalty by a majority vote; but the penalty shall not be less than suspension from the ministry, which shall continue until such time as the accused shall have made full recantation of the errors because of which he has been suspended.

When the Synod has made final decision in the case of the trial of a minister, the President of the Synod shall at once announce the decision, whether guilty or not guilty. If guilty, the President shall pronounce the sentence in the presence of the body; also, if possible, in the presence of the person adjudged guilty, and a copy of the sentence shall be given him.

If in any case new evidence shall be presented to the President which shall be sufficient in his judgment to warrant a retrial, he shall present the evidence to the Synod, and the latter shall decide whether the case shall be reopened. When the penalty imposed has been greater than that of public or private censure, he shall at once call a special meeting of the Synod to consider the matter.

The proceedings in a case of discipline shall not be published, in part or in whole, before the final decision is reached and the result officially declared.

The administration of discipline in a congregation is determined by the congregation's Constitution, but a pastor or member of any congregation belonging to the Synod may appeal to the Synod from the disciplinary action of the congregation. All such appeals, whether on the part of the pastor or a member of the congregation, must be made in writing to the President of the Synod within thirty days after the action has been taken. A copy of said appeal shall be promptly transmitted by the appellant to the officers of the congregation, nor shall the appeal

be entertained unless there is evidence that the same has been received by said officers. Upon receiving such appeal the President of the Synod shall refer the matter for investigation to the Conference with which the congregation is connected, or to a special committee appointed by him. All relevant testimony shall be heard in such investigation. The decision or finding of the Conference or Committee shall be reported to the President of the Synod and shall be final unless the Synod at its subsequent meeting shall determine otherwise.

No minister or layman while under discipline or sentence of suspension shall hold any office in the Synod, or serve as a delegate, director or trustee under its appointment; and every committee, board, delegation or body of appointees constituted by the Synod shall see to the enforcement of this rule.

It shall also be the duty of all pastors and congregations belonging to the Synod to respect the disciplinary action of the Synod; and for any pastor or congregation to set aside or disregard any such disciplinary action shall be deemed a violation of order which shall subject the offender to discipline.

ARTICLE X.

The Synod shall be incorporated.

ARTICLE XI.

Section 1. The Seal of the Synod represents the Cross behind an open Bible above which are inscribed the words, "Preach the Word" and under which are inscribed the words, "All for Christ," and encircling all of which is the title, "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska."

Section 2. The Seal shall be in charge of the President of Synod, who shall affix it, or cause it to be affixed, to all documents, certificates, deeds, legal papers, official copies of resolutions, licenses, etc., requiring the Seal of the Synod.

Section 3. The provisions and ordinances contained in this Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod, in so far as they are severally applicable, shall be of like force in the government of the Synod, and the Conferences.

Section 4. Section 2 of Article I of this Constitution shall not be altered nor amended by this Synod.

Section 5. Other articles of the Constitution of this Synod may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular annual meeting, provided that such proposed amendment be moved and presented in writing by not less than six

members at a previous regular annual meeting.

Section 6. Everything in any By-Law, resolution, or enactment of the Synod differing from or in conflict with this Constitution is hereby superseded and repealed.

(Above Constitution was read at a special meeting of Synod held at Tekamah, Nebraska, in May, 1920, and adopted at the meeting of the Synod at North Platte, October 6-8, 1920.)

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SECTION 1—MEETINGS.

Item 1—The time of the annual meeting of Synod shall be as near the 10th of October each year as convenient, and, along with the place of meeting, shall be fixed by Synod itself unless referred to the Executive Committee. The time and place of meeting may be changed by the Executive Committee when requested by a majority of the ministers of Synod.

Item 2—At the first session of each regular convention of Synod the sermon shall be preached by the President of Synod or by some minister designated by the President and the Holy Communion shall be administered.

SECTION 2—OFFICERS.

Item 1—In addition to the officers named in the Constitution, Synod shall annually elect a Statistician and a Historian.

Item 2—The duties of the Statistician shall be to gather the parochial reports of the various congregations of the Synod before each annual session and tabulate them alphabetically according to the location of pastorates for report to Synod and for the Synodical minutes. He shall send out the blanks at least four weeks before the meeting of Synod. His report shall be closed before the meeting of Synod and posted on the opening day. He shall also send blank credentials to each pastorate in which the name of the lay delegate may be entered, said credentials to be presented by the lay delegates or their pastors at the opening of Synod. He shall also send out blanks for report on the state of the church, or for such other reports as Synod may direct.

Item 3—The duties of the Historian shall be to collect and classify facts concerning each congregation which has been at any time in connection with this Synod. He shall record the date of organization, ministers who served it in their order, and the rate of increase, together with such other facts as may be of interest. He shall keep a register of the names of the ministers, when and how they entered Synod, and the date and man-

ner of their leaving same; in short, he shall keep a complete history of the Synod.

Item 4—A Necrologist shall be appointed by the Executive Committee whose duty it shall be to take account of the death of ministers, ministers' wives, prominent laymen and laywomen in any of the congregations of Synod who have rendered special service to the church and secure and report a brief biography of said persons to the Necrology Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America and to the Historian of this Synod. He shall also report to Synod.

Item 5—The election of all officers shall be by ballot, and in those offices where ministers only are eligible there shall be no nominations.

Item 6—The Secretary of Synod shall be the custodian of all files of minutes, documents, blank forms of reports, ordination and licensure certificates, etc., not otherwise provided for by Synod. He shall not be permitted to lend the file of minutes or the protocol to any one except on the written order of the President.

He shall furnish the President, at the opening of Synod, with an abstract of all the unfinished business, notices of amendments to the Constitution, and expiration of the term of directors, members of standing committees, delegates, etc.

Should he remove from the bounds of Synod or otherwise become disqualified he shall turn over all papers and properties in his hands belonging to Synod to the President or to someone designated by the President to receive them.

Item 7—The President may at the request of the Secretary, appoint an assistant secretary, whose term of office shall expire at the close of the meeting of Synod.

Item 8—The Executive Committee of Synod shall be the trustees of Synod.

SECTION 3—ROLL OF SYNOD.

The Secretary, in making up the Roll of Synod shall arrange the same alphabetically according to the names of the ministers and shall enter opposite each minister's name the year of that minister's ordination. He shall include their addresses.

SECTION 4—DELEGATES, DIRECTORS, ETC.

Item 1—Delegates to the Conventions of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting of Synod next previous to two months before the meet-

ing of the convention which they are to attend. The number of delegates shall be as specified by the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Item 2—An equal number of principals and alternates shall always be elected. Principals shall be elected first and afterwards alternates.

Item 3.—The Clerical delegate first elected, or, if two or more are elected on the same ballot, the one receiving the highest number of votes on that ballot, shall be chairman of the delegation. All delegates and alternates shall take precedence in the order of their election.

Item 4—No clerical member shall be eligible more than twice in succession, unless he be president or secretary of the United Lutheran Church. When a delegate elect shall remove beyond the bounds of this Synod before the meeting of the United Lutheran Church he shall not be entitled to represent the Synod, provided always, that ministers in the general service of the church shall be exempt from this rule of removal.

Item 5—In the election of Clerical members to delegations, boards, etc., no nominations shall be made; but for lay members nominations may be made.

Item 6—The Trustees of Midland College shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years. Their necessary expenses in attending meetings of the Board shall be paid by Synod. These trustees shall be required to report in writing at the meetings of Synod upon the condition, need and work of the College.

Item 7—The Directors of Nachusa Orphanage shall be elected by ballot for the term of two years. They shall report in writing annually upon the condition of the home.

Item 8—Two Trustees of Tabitha Home shall be elected for the term of one year, and shall continue in office until their successors have been elected and duly qualified. They shall report annually to the Synod.

SECTION 5—COMMITTEES.

Item 1—All standing Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or by Synod. All special Committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise specified. The Executive Committee shall prepare the Calendar for the next convention of Synod.

Item 2—Necessary expenses of all committees shall be paid by Synod unless otherwise provided for.

Item 3—The Layman's Missionary Movement Committee shall co-operate with the Layman's Missionary Movement Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America in carrying on the work of that Committee and Movement in this Synod and perform such other duties with reference to Layman's work as may be assigned by Synod to this committee.

Item 4—The Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies shall co-operate with similar committees of the United Lutheran Church in America and have in charge all matters pertaining to Synod's care of these organizations, making annual report of the condition and needs of these organizations to Synod.

Item 5—The Committee on Protocol shall examine and report on the condition of the Protocol and files of the minutes each year and also bring to the attention of Synod anything in the previous minutes of Synod needing the attention of Synod.

Item 6—The Committee on Reference and Council shall have charge of arranging the order of presentation of business to Synod at its business sessions and shall endeavor to secure the greatest possible dispatch of business consistent with the importance of the matter under consideration. Their order may be changed at any time by action of Synod.

Item 7—All other committees shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon said committees or such duties as may be specially referred to them by Synod.

SECTION 6—CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORATES.

Item 1—No congregation being only a part of a pastorate, shall have the right to dismiss its pastor, except at a regular meeting of the constitutional voters of the pastorate and by the constitutional majority.

Item 2—No congregation or congregations shall withdraw from a pastorate without the consent of the joint council and the approval of the President of Synod subject to the action of Synod.

Item 3—No pastorate shall be altered and no new pastorate formed except by Synodical action either in regular meetings or through its Executive Committee.

Item 4—Any congregation in arrears to a former pastor shall be required to make satisfactory adjustment before calling a successor.

Item 5—Vacant pastorates shall report to the President of Synod at once and shall confer with him with a view to being supplied with a pastor as soon as possible.

Item 6—When a pastor accepts a call to a pastorate of this Synod he and the Council of the congregation or charge calling him shall arrange with the President of Synod for his regular installation as soon as possible after he has taken charge and has met the requirements of membership in this Synod, that is, is regularly enrolled as an ordained minister of this Synod.

SECTION 7—ORDINATION.

The President of Synod shall perform the Holy Rite of Ordination, assisted by the Secretary and other ministers. The Ordination shall be according to the forms prescribed by the United Lutheran Church in America, and the ordination may be either at the time of the meeting of Synod or in the church to which the candidate is called, by a committee appointed by the Synod for the purpose. If the ordination is performed in the church to which the candidate has been called, the service of Installation may follow.

SECTION 8—PROMISCUOUS ITEMS.

Item 1—By the term "Executive Session of Synod" used in the Constitution and By-Laws is meant a session of the regular clerical and lay members of Synod from which all other persons are excluded unless requested or permitted by Synod to be present. At least one such session shall be held at each convention of Synod.

Item 2—The Apportionment Committee in making up the budget for Benevolence may consult with the Executive Committee and the Committee on Layman's Missionary Movement.

All matters and duties relating to Systematic Beneficence shall be the care of the Committee on Layman's Missionary Movement.

Item 3—Election of Officers shall take place as the first item of business after the roll of Synod is made up and the President's report is given, but the officers elect shall not begin their term of office till the close of the last business session as provided in the Constitution.

Item 4—The Executive Committee of Synod shall prepare a standard voucher with duplicate for use in issuing all orders on the Treasurer for payment of expenses, claims, salaries, etc., payable out of the Synodical Treasury.

Item 5—Remuneration of officers shall be as follows until changed by action of Synod: Treasurer, $25 annually.

Item 6—The minutes of each convention of Synod shall be

certified and signed by the retiring president and secretary of said convention and the same secretary shall prepare the minutes for printing and properly make them a part of the protocol.

SECTION 9—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—The President shall open the first session of Synod according to the form provided by the United Lutheran Church and every session thereafter shall be opened and closed with prayer. In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall conduct the opening services and in the absence of both, the oldest minister present.

2—Calling the roll.

3—Enrollment of lay delegates.

4—Application for membership from other Lutheran Synods.

5—President's report.

6—Election of officers.

7—Treasurer's report.

8—Statistician's report.

9—Historian's report.

10—Reception of delegates from other Synods.

11—Appointment of Special Committees.

12—Reports of Standing Committees.

13—All papers intended for Synod shall be handed in and verbal notice given of any important business intended to be brought before Synod.

14—The papers shall be taken up and discussed, or referred to appropriate committees who shall report at the proper time.

15—Education.

16—Home Missions and Church Extension.

17—Foreign Missions.

18—Tabitha Home and Nachusa Home.

19—Other General Boards of the Church.

20—Miscellaneous Business.

21—Election of delegates, trustees and directors to meetings or institutions in which Synod is represented.

22—Appointment of delegates to other synods or ecclesiastical bodies and visitors to institutions.

23—Choice of time and place of next meeting.

24—Induction of new officers into office.

25—Adjournment according to order provided by United Lutheran Church.

The Committee on Reference and Council may change for

convenience this order except where particular specification is made in the Constitution or By-Laws.

SECTION 10—AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be suspended or amended at any Convention of Synod by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting; provided that due notice of an amendment proposed shall have been given on the preceding day.

(The above By-Laws were adopted at North Platte, Nebraska, at the meeting of Synod held October 6-8, 1920, being the same meeting at which the Constitution was adopted).

Committee was the same as that for the Constitution.